



Support H.R. 5283 (Malliotakis), “Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act of 2023”



PROTECT FLOYD BENNETT FIELD



- ***Protects Our Parks:*** Stops the Biden administration from turning our national parks – America’s best idea – into tent cities for illegal immigrants.
- ***Holds the Biden Administration Accountable:*** Revokes the legally dubious lease signed by the Biden administration and New York City, which bypassed standard environmental reviews, to house thousands of migrants in an active community park, on National Park Service land, in Brooklyn.

On September 15, 2023, against strong public outcry from the local community, the Biden administration signed a lease with New York City to house at least 2,000 migrants at Floyd Bennet Field in the Gateway National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System. This community park, which once hosted bike races, youth day camps, and skating rinks, has now been turned into a tent city with questionable security. Democrat and Republican locally elected officials and the U.S. Park Police have all publicly testified that the encampments, which are in the middle of a floodplain, will endanger community and migrant safety and degrade park resources.

Failed Democrat policies at the federal and state level have turned our national parks, America’s best idea, into makeshift shelters for illegal immigrants. The mission of the National Park Service is to conserve scenery “unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations,” not house illegal immigrants. H.R. 5283 would prohibit any federal funding, including new leases or contracts, from building illegal immigrant housing on lands owned by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management. The bill also revokes the Biden administration’s disastrous lease to build migrant shelters on National Park Service land in New York City.

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