



# COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson

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## **Subcommittee Hearing Statement of Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS)**

### ***Case-by-Case: Returning Parole to its Proper Purpose***

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Republicans are not interested in “Returning Parole to its Proper Purpose” as their hearing title suggests. I say that because the proper purpose of parole under Republican and Democratic administrations has always been to help people in desperate need. But Donald Trump and Republicans are only interested in cruelty, chaos, and deflection. The truth of the matter is that Donald Trump has essentially ended lawful parole and closed legal pathways for people to seek safety in the United States.

I’d like to see Cosplay Kristi or one of the many Republican Members auditioning for Chairman go walk the streets of Haiti and tell me it is “safe.” Republicans on this Committee do not care if the policies they support harm the American people and undermine homeland security. All they care about is stroking Donald Trump’s ego and “owning the libs.” The damage they have done is shameful. It is so shameful, in fact, that their own Chairman was spending time in Guyana before he resigned. But he made sure to return to vote for the Big Ugly Bill that will hurt his constituents.

American citizens will go hungry and die from treatable illnesses while future generations drown in debt because Republicans voted to gut SNAP and Medicaid in Trump’s Big Ugly Bill that increases the federal deficit to historic highs.

American farms are in crisis and food is rotting in the ground while homeless veterans starve on the streets because Donald Trump has targeted farmworkers for deportation and cut the nation’s agency reducing homelessness. Grocery prices are up, and consumer confidence is down because of Trump tariffs and Trumpflation.

Do you see a pattern here? The Trump administration has its hand around the necks of the American People, and Republicans in this body are cheering him on. Not just that, but even when the administration does admit something went wrong, it is never their fault. The Secretary of Defense leaked classified war plans to a journalist. Republicans called it an accident. Immigration and Customs Enforcement deported a man who had protected legal status granted by an immigration court. Trump’s Press Secretary called it a clerical error. The Federal government fired the employees who maintain our nuclear weapons. Republicans said oops, just another accident.

It’s no wonder that these people are rehashing their tired talking points about parole and the Biden administration. Republicans simply cannot take responsibility for the present or for their President.

They are stuck in the past. It is time for my colleagues to get over their unhealthy obsession with Joe Biden and focus on the present—and their failed President.

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