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

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We are months into the Trump Administration, and we have not had one hearing with anyone from the administration.

We have significant concerns with the actions this administration is taking. It's our duty as Congress to provide oversight of the harm they are causing to communities and to the American people. They are making the country less safe by telling thousands of special agents who should be investigating serious crimes like drug trafficking, child exploitation, and terrorism to focus on immigration enforcement instead.

They are arresting and deporting U.S. citizens and immigrants with no criminal records. They are revoking the legal status of hundreds of thousands of legal workers in the United States. They are sending people to a notorious jail in El Salvador with no trial and no evidence of any crimes.

President Trump is now talking about creating an "External Revenue Service" to collect the tariffs currently crashing our economy. As my colleagues know well, CBP officers are currently responsible for collecting tariffs and other revenue on goods coming into the United States.

This committee should be getting more information on these plans. Does President Trump plan to gut CBP to form this new Department? Hiring and training thousands of new professionals to do this work would take months if not years.

Revenue collection is important, but what happens to security at our border if he steals CBP personnel to form this new agency? What happens to wait times at our airports and land ports? We should be doing oversight of the actions happening now. We should be hearing about the Trump administration's plans for the future.

Not relitigating the past.

And when it comes to today's hearing topic, there are significant issues we need to raise with the administration. We should be asking the Trump administration officials why they are ripping away legal status and work permits from immigrants lawfully in the United States.

We need to ask why they are ending parole for Ukrainians when the country is still in the middle of a terrible war – one that Trump promised to end on day one. Ukrainians are in need of our help. There is no reason we can't provide individuals safety in our country while their families fight for freedom in theirs.

We need to ask why this Administration has turned its back on Afghan nationals who helped us in our time of need. An Afghan national, who provided intelligence to our troops on high value targets during the war, who was in this country legally through parole, recently had his status stripped from him and will be deported without any reason given as to why. We should also be asking the Administration how they plan to address legal immigration, like parole, going forward.

At a time when the Trump Tariffs are destroying this economy and raising prices for everyday hard-working Americans, parole programs and other legal immigration pathways could help businesses find the workers they need to ease some of these costs.

People in these programs legally work in the agriculture industry, as well as the construction, hospitality, and medical fields. These workers are needed more than ever to help lower the cost of everyday goods. These programs and legal pathways also bring in students, professionals, and entrepreneurs that generate revenue and innovation for our communities.

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