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***Case-by-Case: Returning Parole to its Proper Purpose* July 15, 2025**

We're supposedly here today to examine the use of parole—let's cut to the chase. President Trump has already ended all parole programs, another cruel step in his immigration agenda.

President Trump and Republicans are only interested in cruelty, chaos, and deflection. Republicans are really using this hearing to distract from the recent passage of their one big, ugly bill that is going to cut Medicare while increasing the national debt by trillions. Because Republicans don't want to face the future they created where millions of Americans lose healthcare and food assistance, they prefer to live in the past and perpetuate false claim about President Biden's use of parole programs.

Since Republicans seem to enjoy history so much, let's go back to 1956. That's when President Eisenhower first used parole to help 30,000 Hungarians come to the U.S. after a failed revolt against communism. Parole has been used by every Republican and Democratic administration since. It is a valuable tool to help those in urgent humanitarian situations. Parole programs also reduce illegal border crossings, increase the U.S. workforce, and grow our economy. Given the benefits, the public might be asking why Trump is terminating parole programs.

Is it simply because he is on a revenge and retribution tour? Is it because he hasn't done enough already to shatter the economy? Or is it because he needs to turn parolees into undocumented migrants that Secretary Noem can then shackle and deport to a prison in El Salvador for a photo op?

Trump and Noem are not focused on just violent criminals, they are arresting and deporting hard-working immigrants who wash dishes, pick crops, and construct homes. This administration is so desperate to achieve its goal of 3,000 arrests a day, it is targeting U.S. citizens, lawful residents, and university students exercising their first amendment rights all while ignoring court orders.

If my Republican colleagues want to investigate immigration abuses, there is no need to relitigate false claims from the past. President Trump's daily actions are a continual assault on the Constitution that warrant Congressional oversight. The American people are waiting for Republicans to stand up to the mad king.

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