

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul,

We write to you with serious concerns about your administration's Migrant Relocation Assistance Program (MRAP) which seeks to move migrants from New York City to Upstate New York and Long Island Communities. We request more information about the individuals with unproven asylum claims being transferred to Erie County and Monroe County, and more information about your administration's vetting process.

As you know, our country, and particularly New York State, is facing an illegal immigrant and migrant crisis as a direct result of the open-border policies supported by President Biden and your administration. Under your administration, New York State has continued to operate as a sanctuary state and refused to cooperate with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to deport individuals breaking our Nation's laws by entering this country illegally.

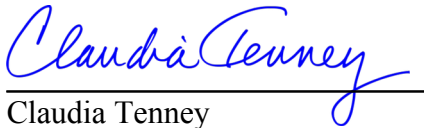
Instead of reversing these disastrous policies, your administration has chosen to export the crisis in New York City to Upstate communities, such as those in Erie County and Monroe County. Law-abiding New Yorkers should not have their safety placed in jeopardy because of radical policies allowing unvetted individuals to cross our borders at will. While many of these individuals are allowed to stay here as "asylum seekers," the facts show that the overwhelming majority of asylum claims are found to be illegitimate when adjudicated.

As such, we request more information about New York's MRAP and the impact it will have to Erie County and Monroe County:

- 1) How many individuals have been relocated to Erie County or Monroe County under MRAP?
- 2) How much have the relocations to Erie County and Monroe County cost taxpayers?
- 3) How is your administration vetting the individuals selected to participate in MRAP? Is part of this vetting an evaluation of the legitimacy of their asylum claims or a criminal background check?
- 4) How is your administration ensuring the safety of American citizens in Erie County, Monroe County, and the surrounding counties with the influx of these individuals with unproven asylum claims?
- 5) How is your administration ensuring that these individuals show up to their court dates and do not evade the law?

In addition to the answers to these important questions, we continue to urge you to reverse the disastrous immigration policies that have been implemented by your administration and the New York State Legislature. We respectfully request answers to our questions no later than March 25, 2024. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Claudia Tenney
Member of Congress



Nicholas A. Langworthy
Member of Congress