

office daily by CBP for the sole purpose of serving the release document CBP refuses to serve. In these locations, serving CBP paperwork has become nonstop, full-time, 10 hours a day or more, 5-7 days a week work for ICE Officers.

- So ridiculous is the combined DHS, CBP and ICE policy, that Border Patrol Agents and contractors are prohibited from opening the doors of Border Patrol detention vans after transporting immigration detainees to a location for release. The Border Patrol transports the detainees for release, but ICE Officers must follow in a separate vehicle for the sole purpose of opening the doors of the van upon reaching the destination so the detainees can exit the vehicle.
- ICE Officers from around the nation are also being pulled from Criminal and Terrorism apprehension efforts in their respective states and deployed to the southern border so that ICE has adequate resources to support opening vehicle doors for the Border Patrol and serving paperwork for CBP employees.

Under your watch Mr. President, on the southern border, ICE Officers are being taken from Joint Terrorism Task Forces, the ICE Criminal Alien Program, the ICE Violent Criminal Alien Section, U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Forces, ICE Fugitive Operations Teams, and other vital ICE enforcement programs critical to public safety and national security, simply to open van doors for the Border Patrol, and serve a single release document that could be far more quickly, efficiently, and cost effectively served by Border Patrol Agents and CBP Officers processing the cases. Hundreds of man hours are wasted each day at a time of crisis on the border when the focus of our leadership should be streamlining efforts and eliminating redundant and unnecessary work.

### **ICE Officers Come in Mass to Report Gross Mismanagement and Public Safety Concerns on the Border**

When National ICE Council President Chris Crane recently visited the southern border of Texas, ICE Officers came in mass to see him, reporting widespread gross mismanagement, fraud, waste and abuse, and threats to public safety and national security resulting from these failed policies. In many instances, ICE Officers drove for hours to meet with Mr. Crane at private locations, fearing retaliation from ICE and DHS managers if discovered reporting the waste and safety threats taking place on the southern border.

Not only did Mr. Crane hear from ICE Officers that were taken from Terrorism Taskforces, and ICE's many other criminal apprehension teams to participate in the nonsense that's happening on the border, but he heard alarming firsthand accounts from field officers who, for example, are now forced to stop patrolling county jails in search of criminal aliens arrested by local police, potentially allowing hundreds of criminal aliens to be released back into U.S. communities each week. Officers on field teams reported being moments from arresting aggravated felons under their surveillance, only to be ordered not to make the arrest and let the aggravated felon remain free in the community because the aggravated felon "is not ICE's priority" according to ICE managers. **Instead, the priority of ICE's skeleton staff of officers along the southern border**