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# **D.C. Mayor Begs for National Guard as City Is "Overwhelmed" With Migrants**

Washington, D.C., Mayor Murial Bowser, a Democrat, has called for the National Guard to assist the nation's capital with what she claims is a "humanitarian crisis," as buses loaded with immigrants ostensibly from Texas and Arizona are being sent to the city. More than three million immigrants have crossed the border since Joe Biden became president.

Both Texas and Arizona have been dealing with record numbers of immigrants crossing into those border states while the Biden administration has done nearly nothing to address the situation.



AP Images Muriel Bowser

In June, the Center for Immigration Studies<u>confirmed</u> that at least 1,049,532 illegal immigrants had been released into the United States in the southwest area of the country. In just May of 2022, 95,318 undocumented migrants were released into the United States.

Bowser claims that approximately 4,000 migrants have been shipped into Washington, D.C. — presumably from Texas and Arizona — leading to a situation that the city cannot handle on its own.

"The pace of arriving buses and the volume of arrivals have reached tipping points," Bowser wrote in a letter to the Biden administration. "Our collective response and service efforts have now become overwhelmed."

If 4,000 immigrants is the tipping point in Washington, imagine how the small cities and villages on the border must feel. If the Center for Immigration Studies numbers are correct (and they're probably undercounted), that means that border states are dealing with 2,115 illegal immigrants being released into the United States daily.

Washington, D.C., considers two day's worth of what border states see a "tipping point" and a "humanitarian crisis." And D.C. has seen those 4,000 over more than a two month period — not once every two days.

A letter obtained by News Nation, signed by Christopher Rodriguez, D.C.'s director of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, described the situation in a letter to the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

"The pace of arriving buses and the volume of arrivals have reached tipping points," the letter reads. "Our collective response and service efforts have now become overwhelmed: the regional welcome center we helped establish in Montgomery County, Maryland is at capacity; our homeless services system is already under great strain; and tragically, many families arrive in Washington, DC with nowhere to go."

Rodriguez's letter was sent on July 19 and follow-up letters were, reportedly, sent to President Biden by

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both Rodriguez and Bowser on July 22.

The call for National Guard assistance occurred after NBC <u>reported</u> that ICE agents found 73 migrants living in houses being operated by human smugglers in the northwest part of the city. Those migrants included 60 adults and 13 children. The agents also recovered \$95,000 and a small amount of cocaine in the raid.

On Thursday, Bowser answered questions from reporters about the call-up of troops.

"We are very focused and we continue to be very focused on having the federal government do its part and take the lead in addressing what we see as a growing humanitarian crisis," Bowser said.

The mayor pointed out that the federal government has assisted with refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine. She stressed that whatever is done should be a national response.

"We need to make sure that there is a national response, not an ad hoc city-by-city, state-by-state response," the mayor said. "We know that the federal government does this because we see this type of response with Afghan refugees. And now we see it with people who are coming to the United States from Ukraine. So there is a robust federal response that helps people with transportation onto their final destinations, and even giving them a legal route to work."

As of this writing, a National Guard call up hasn't been approved. If the Biden administration fails to order a deployment, Bowser and D.C. would be reliant on neighboring states to assist.

Texas Senator Ted Cruz, a Republican, agreed with Bowser — sort of.

"DC Mayor — rightly — calls massive influx of illegal aliens a 'humanitarian crisis."" Cruz <u>tweeted</u>.

"She says w/ 4000 arriving in DC, we're 'at a tipping point.' If 4000 is a tipping point, what the hell do you call the THREE & A HALF MILLION illegal immigrants who've crossed our southern border??"

To answer Cruz, in places such as Texas and Arizona, Democrats refer to the phenomenon as a "demographic transition," where millions of new Democrat voters show up at the border and Republicans better allow those people to vote, otherwise they are "racists." In places such as Washington, D.C., and other leftist strongholds, such a situation is an inconvenience — a nuisance to be dealt with by people with guns, while they stand above it all and complain.



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