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INTRODUCTION

- Senator Kyrsten Sinema, Senator James Lankford, members of the Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management
- Ruben Garcia, Director of Annunciation House since its inception in 1978
- Welcoming refugees, immigrants, and undocumented throughout the past 43 years and the numbers now surpass several hundreds of thousands

THE WORK OF HOSPITALITY SINCE 2014

- 2014 First surge of refugee families
- Establishment of basic ground rules with ICE
- Exponential growth and migration of families to the El Paso – Juarez border
- Initial establishment and evolution of hospitality sites staffed by volunteers
- Avoided releases to the streets

SURGE OF 2018-2019

- Expansion of the model of recruiting churches as hospitality sites
- The addition of hotels as hospitality sites
- Transportation of refugees to other cities to tap into volunteer pools in those cities as well as to access transportation hubs

PRESENT STATUS

- The unwinding of MPP
- Title 42 – The elephant in the room
- Hospitality NGOs all along the border

CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Communication – The imperative to include the NGO community
 - + MPP rollout
 - + Endeavors Contract
 - + Lateral flights of Title 42 families
- UNWINDING OF TITLE 42
 - + Follow the MPP model – Website registration in Mexico
 - + Gather biometrics in Mexico
 - + COVID test in Mexico and provide J&J vaccine to entering refugees
 - + Use NGO facilities in Mexico as staging sites for families with appointments
 - + Meet entering families at POEs and transport to BP CPCs to provide NTAs
 - + Release to NGOs in the U.S. to provide hospitality and arrange transportation

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