

STATEMENT

Kamala Harris And Lanon Baccam Believe We Should Provide Taxpayer-Funded Health Care To Illegal Immigrants And Other Government Benefits Like Free Hotel Rooms, Meals, And College Financial Aid.

Verification

VIDEO: Baccam Said It Was An Honor To Serve In The Biden Harris Administration.

BACCAM: “And most recently had the incredible honor of serving again in the Biden Administration as the deputy chief of staff for the US Department of Agriculture, once again working with Secretary Tom Vilsac. So, I have a history of military service a history of public service and I want to earn your vote I hope you guys vote for me in this primary.” (Lanon Baccam Remarks At Campaign Event, [YouTube](#), 6/6/24)

Build Back Better Was The “Key Plank Of [The Biden-Harris] Economic Agenda For The Country.” “Former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, laid out a key plank of his economic agenda for the country — dubbed ‘Build Back Better’ — in a half-hour speech Thursday, offering a competing vision of economic nationalism that President Trump has trumpeted in recent years.” (Asma Khalid And Barbara Sprunt, “Biden Counters Trump’s ‘America First’ With ‘Build Back Better’ Economic Plan,” [NPR](#), 7/9/20)

Medicare For All

Kamala Harris Co-Sponsored Medicare For All Legislation With Bernie Sanders And Made Medicare For All The Centerpiece Of Her 2020 Presidential Bid. “Harris co-sponsored Sen. Bernie Sanders’ Medicare for All legislation when she was a California senator and offered a modified plan as the centerpiece of her short-lived 2020 presidential bid. But a campaign official told POLITICO it is no longer part of Harris’ agenda.” (Daniel Payne, “Harris isn’t pushing Medicare for All anymore. Progressives say that’s OK,” [Politico](#), 8/19/24)

The Proposal Would Have Provided Coverage For Illegal Immigrants. “In Sanders’ proposal, everyone who is a US resident, including undocumented immigrants, gets coverage. That would be a likely point of contention with this plan. There is a prohibition on traveling to the US for free medical care.” (Zachary B. Wolf, Tami Luhby, and Curt Merrill, “Here’s What Bernie Sanders’ ‘Medicare For All’ Proposal Actually Says,” [CNN](#), 3/2/20)

Student Aid For Illegal Immigrants

The Build Back Better Act Would “Expand Eligibility For Federal Student Aid” To Illegal Immigrants

If The Build Back Better Act Passes As It Stood In November Of 2021, “The Federal Government Will Invest In A Particular Group Of Students That It Hasn’t Supported Before—Those Who Are Undocumented.” “If the legislation passes as it is currently written, the federal government will invest in a particular group of students that it hasn’t supported before—those who are undocumented.” (Alexis Gravelly, “How The Build Back Better Act Would Help Dreamers In College,” [Inside Higher Ed](#), 11/15/21)

The Text Of The Build Back Better Act Includes A Provision “That Would Expand Eligibility For Federal Student Aid To Students With Temporary Protected Status Or Who Are Recipients Of Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (DACA).” “The current text of Democrats’ \$1.75 trillion social spending bill includes a provision that would expand eligibility for federal student aid to students with Temporary Protected Status or who are recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), a program that provides protection against deportation to immigrants often known as Dreamers who were brought to the United States without documentation as children. About 427,000 undocumented students are in higher education, but none of them are able to finance their education using federal financial aid, even though most would be eligible based on income.” (Alexis Gravelly, “How The Build Back Better Act Would Help Dreamers In College,” [Inside Higher Ed](#), 11/15/21)

Hotels For Illegal Immigrants

The Department Of Homeland Security Provided \$640.9 Million In Fiscal Year 2024 To ‘Non-Federal Agencies’ To Provide Housing For Illegal Immigrants. “While services and assistance are being provided by NGOs, in many cases this is being done with the assistance of federal dollars. In addition to caring for migrants at CBP stations, the federal government is providing hundreds of millions of dollars in funding to NGOs and communities who are receiving migrants. According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), it is providing \$640.9 million in FY 2024 via its Shelter and Services Program to allow ‘non-federal entities,’ including city governments and NGOs, to off-set costs incurred by the migrant arrivals they are seeing. Recently, DHS expanded the cap for both hotels and airfare to 10 percent of the total funding requested, and allowed NGOs to apply for a waiver of that cap due to an operational need.” (Adam Shaw, “Illegal Immigrants Are Offered An Array Of Taxpayer Funded Benefits, Enticing More To Come: ‘Pull Factor’,” [Fox News](#), 6/7/24)

- **“Ngos Will Help Migrants With Hotel Rooms.”** “NGOs will help migrants with hotel rooms and travel, which typically involves bus and train tickets, but can in some instances involve flights. Some migrants will book their own flights, while others will use bus travel coordinated by the office of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who has set up buses to take migrants to ‘sanctuary’ cities across the U.S. free of charge.” (Adam Shaw, “Illegal Immigrants Are Offered An Array Of Taxpayer Funded Benefits, Enticing More To Come: ‘Pull Factor’,” [Fox News](#), 6/7/24)

Additionally, Free Meals Are Also Provided Illegal Immigrants In ICE Detention. “At the border itself, migrants who are taken into Customs and Border Protection (CBP) or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody will be cared for and given treatment as needed. In addition to shelter and meals, they will also be offered and provided essential medical care. When an illegal immigrant in ICE detention anywhere in the country requires health care, they are typically treated on-site by medical professionals. However, if specialist or emergency care is required, they may be transported to an independent private provider. ICE's Health Service Corps will reimburse providers at Medicare rates.” (Adam Shaw, “Illegal Immigrants Are Offered An Array Of Taxpayer Funded Benefits, Enticing More To Come: ‘Pull Factor’,” [Fox News](#), 6/7/24)

“New York City Is Paying Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars A Month For Meals That Are Supposed To Go To Feed Migrants.” “New York City is paying tens of thousands of dollars a month for meals that are supposed to go to feed migrants but instead are never eaten and are thrown away, according to internal company records reviewed by The New York Times.” (Jay Root, “Uneaten and Trashed: How New York Wasted 5,000 Migrant Meals in One Day,” [The New York Times](#), 12/13/23)