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The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
Secretary  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I was deeply disturbed by images and videos from this past Sunday of asylum seekers being sprayed with tear gas by U.S. officials at the U.S. – Mexico border. I understand from press reports that the Mexican Foreign Ministry has presented the State Department with a diplomatic note calling for a full investigation into non-lethal weapons directed toward Mexican territory. I write today to request that you provide the House Committee on Foreign Affairs with both a full accounting of Sunday's events and your response to the Mexican government's request for a full investigation.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs has oversight of U.S. foreign policy and the management of our relations with countries across the globe. The deployment of non-lethal weapons across an international border and the impact of such an event on our bilateral relationship fall under the jurisdiction of our Committee.

I look forward to hearing from the Department this week with the full accounting of Sunday's events at the U.S. – Mexico border and the information which will be shared with the Mexican government.

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Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



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