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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Biden's Border Battle]

NATE BURLESON: And President Biden is in Mexico City after his first visit to the border since taking office.

CONGRESSMAN TONY GONZALEZ (R-TX): They think that their policy is correct, and it should scare the hell out of every American out there.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Pres. Biden Visits the Southern Border; His First Trip to the Border Comes Amid Fresh Crackdown on Migrants]

GAYLE KING: President Biden is in Mexico City this morning for a summit with the leaders of Canada and Mexico. The big issue is the immigration crisis. And yesterday Mr. Biden made his first stop at the U.S.-Mexico border since taking office. Weijia Jiang is traveling with the President and has more on this part of the story. Weijia, good morning to you.

WEIJIA JIANG: Good morning to you, Gayle, and good morning to everybody. President Biden came here after spending several hours in El Paso, Texas, home to one of the busiest ports of entry. Republicans are blaming him for the record number of people who are crossing illegally over to the U.S. and blasting that visit as nothing more than a photo op. President Biden met with workers at a center for migrant services Sunday who told him they need more aid from the federal government.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: They need a lot of resources and we're going to get it for them.

JIANG: Earlier, Republican Governor Greg Abbott welcomed the President to Texas, then criticized him for not coming sooner.

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT (R-TX): It just so happens he's two years and about \$20 billion too late.

JIANG: Abbott said as much in a letter he handed the President on the tarmac.

ABBOTT: Here's the deal, he's never called me to talk to me about the immigration issue. Now I've provided him a letter that provides tangible, concrete solutions that will stop illegal

immigration.

JIANG: Also in the letter, Abbott blamed Mr. Biden: “This chaos is the direct result of your failure to enforce the immigration laws that Congress enacted.” Last week, President Biden announced new restrictions on migrants seeking asylum amid growing pressure from both Republicans and Democrats. The new policies expand the Trump-era COVID ban known as Title 42. Although the administration will also offer more legal pathways for migrants from Haiti, Nicaragua, and Cuba.

SACRED HEART CHURCH PASTOR RAFAEL GARCIA: People are not processed. And so they're just here, and they don't know what the options are or they don't have any options.

JIANG: At Sacred Heart Catholic Church, hundreds of migrants sought help like this mother and her five-year-old son from El Salvador. She begged President Biden for an opportunity to work in the U.S. And she said, “It's not easy,” but knows it's not impossible. President Biden did not visit any of those areas where migrants have been camping out, nor did he see any large groups arriving, something that his critics have been very quick to point out. Immigration is sure to come up when the President has a bilateral meeting with his Mexican counterpart later today. Nate?

BURELSON: Weijia Jiang in Mexico City, thank you so much.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Biden at the Border]

BURLESON: President Biden visits the southern border for the first time since taking office.

ABBOTT: I provided him a letter that provides tangible, concrete solutions that will stop illegal immigration.