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Declaration of North America (DNA) & Take Our Border Back Response

Mexico, the United States, and Canada

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The **Declaration of North America (DNA)** was announced on January 10, 2023, by the leaders of Mexico, the United States, and Canada, Presidents Andrés Manuel López Obrador, Joseph R. Biden, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. This declaration represents a concerning example of high-minded rhetoric and platitudes without the backbone of practical constitutional policymaking. This agreement, penned during the 10th North American Leaders' Summit in Mexico City, epitomizes the pitfalls of progressive governance—focusing on lofty ideals while neglecting the immediate and practical needs of national security, economic stability, and sovereign governance.

DNA Language:

I. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI):

- Strengthening fairness and opportunities for all, especially for people who have been left out in the past, like marginalized communities such as Indigenous peoples, [promote](#) racial justice, and expand protections for LGBTQI+ individuals.

TOBB Response:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI):

- The DNA's heavy emphasis on DEI seems more about following popular trends than making real changes. It is indicative of an agenda that prioritizes ideological platitudes over substantive outcomes. The plan lacks clear methods to put these ideas into action effectively. Without detailed steps, there's a risk that important issues affecting disadvantaged groups are reduced to simple slogans, rather than being actively addressed and improved.

DNA Language:

II. Climate Change and Environment Policy:

- The leaders' commitments to aggressive environmental and climate policies are not only vaguely defined but could potentially wreak havoc on economic stability. The shift toward an unsustainable push for rapid emission reductions and other environmental measures threatens vital industries, particularly those dependent on fossil fuels, without clear transition plans or support for displaced workers, potentially numbering in the millions. The narrative around sustainable development is manipulated to advance a green agenda that disregards economic realities and worker welfare. Also, The push towards electric cars doesn't consider the millions who can't afford them and the environmental damage from disposing of old batteries.



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DNA Language:

III. Economic Integration and Competitiveness:

- Making our economies stronger by working together more closely, investing in future technologies like clean energy and digital infrastructure, and creating good jobs.

TOBB Response:

- **Economic Integration and Competitiveness:** The agreement encourages closer economic ties between countries, which could expose our economy to more risks from global shifts and pressures, especially from countries like China. This move towards more dependency could weaken our own economic strength and make our supply chains more vulnerable. Additionally, the plan seems to favor big corporations, possibly at the expense of smaller businesses and the general workforce.

DNA Language:

IV. Migration and Development:

- Managing migration wisely and humanely, helping migrants and refugees settle in, and addressing the deep-rooted causes that make people leave their homes.

TOBB Response:

Migration and Development:

- The DNA's approach to migration is dangerously naive, emphasizing long-term developmental aid over the urgent need for robust border security and



effective immigration enforcement. By failing to address the current crisis at the border, the agreement enables continued disregard for the rule of law and

fosters conditions likely to exacerbate local resource strains and community tensions. Critical issues overlooked by the current administration over the past three years include the unchecked entry of millions into the U.S., including violent criminals and terrorists, which has increased crime and poverty overall.

DNA Language:

V. Health and Pandemic Preparedness:

- Improving how we prevent and respond to health crises like pandemics and building stronger health systems.

TOBB Response:

Health Systems and Pandemic Preparedness:

- The proposal to enhance health system responses across three nations is overly ambitious and underprepared. There is considerable doubt about the capacity of these countries to execute such grand plans effectively, likely leaving the U.S. to shoulder disproportionate costs and responsibilities. The initiative seems more like an attempt to showcase international cooperation rather than a viable plan for health system improvement potentially leaving the United States responsible for covering expenses for all countries or forcing a move to Socialism/Communism in America.

DNA Language:

VI. Regional Security:

- Keeping our countries safe from various threats, including cyber threats and criminal networks, while respecting everyone's rights.

TOBB Response:

Regional Security:

- While the DNA talks about enhancing regional security, it alarmingly overlooks the critical issues of human rights abuses by security forces, the effectiveness of cross-border law enforcement cooperation, and the protection of privacy against increased surveillance measures. This oversight suggests a superficial approach to security that could ultimately compromise both individual rights and collective safety.