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Statement on El Paso's Annunciation House

"Annunciation House and its gospel-based humanitarian services have been vital in responding to the humanitarian crisis on our border.

"I wholeheartedly stand in solidarity with Annunciation House and their mission, inspired by the ministry of Jesus, to temporarily house migrants and refugees escaping persecution and poverty, and who have already been processed by Customs and Border Protection.

"These allegations against Annunciation House will have a chilling effect on the humanitarian assistance so badly needed along our border. Moreover, disrupting the work and services of Annunciation House and other NGOs will only exacerbate homelessness and deteriorate health and safety conditions in our communities.

"I will continue advocating for the humanitarian services Annunciation House provides our community and call on officials to pursue real solutions for our border instead of harassing religious-based charities."