Statement from Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, in response to a request for comment from the Austin American-Statesman

Emailed to the Austin American-Statesman on Feb. 1, 2024

"Secretary Mayorkas — as the head of the Department of Homeland Security — is responsible for the porous southern border. His rescission of successful policies and refusal to enforce our nation's laws has directly led to the chaos and death plaguing our state, as border patrol agents tell me each and every time I visit South Texas. Politifact and The Austin Statesman (sic) writing this ridiculous 'fact check' in an attempt to cover up the secretary's culpability is a slap in the face to the families who have lost loved ones. They should be ashamed of themselves."