

United States Senate

March 8, 2024

Dear Leavenworth Commissioners,

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office regarding border security. More than 10 million migrants have illegally crossed our southern border under President Biden's watch; that's more than triple the population of the entire state of Kansas.

Chinese military-aged men with ties to the CCP, cartel drug dealers, and people on the terrorist watch-list are among the millions exploiting our border vulnerabilities. Not only has President Biden not put a plan in place to address the influx of border crossings, his administration has enabled this illegal migrant surge by revoking the Remain in Mexico policy, advocating to cut the funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and phasing out detention facilities, amongst other policies and proposals. These actions are unacceptable and unsustainable for our national security at the border.

On May 12, 2023, I visited the border to see firsthand the situation on the ground. It was worse than I expected. The scene was bleak, the morale among border patrol was at an all-time low, and there was no sign of this crisis ending any time soon. Clearly, President Biden hasn't seen what is really going on at the border, otherwise he wouldn't be advocating for his irresponsible policies. I have and continue to invite the President to go to the border to sit down and conduct a roundtable with the border patrol officers. The best way to learn the detrimental effects of his policies is to see them firsthand.

As part of the recent debt limit talks in Congress, I offered [an amendment](#) to the bill that would require construction of the border wall, authorize the hiring of more than 20,000 border patrol agents, and end the disastrous catch-and-release policy. Sadly this amendment failed. Because the bill increases our debt more than \$4 trillion and did nothing to secure the border, I opposed its final passage.

Furthermore, on September 26, 2023, I re-introduced [my resolution](#) to officially declare the crisis at the southern border an invasion as defined by the United States Constitution. This resolution recognizes each state's right to secure their borders themselves and fight back against the consequences of our open border.

And on January 9, 2024, I took to the Senate floor to call for a [vote of no confidence](#) in DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. It is clear that Secretary Mayorkas has zero operational control of our southern border and, as a consequence, has ceded power to the cartels who have made their way to the heartland, now operating throughout Kansas. The American people have no confidence in Secretary Mayorkas, and folks across the nation are rightfully demanding accountability for his failure to uphold his oath and keep our homeland safe.

Please know that I will continue to do everything in my power to secure our southern border, as this remains my number one most immediate priority. Thank you again for contacting my office, please never hesitate to call, email, or write if you have any issues or concerns. You can continue to follow the conversation and the work we are accomplishing in the 118th Congress by checking out my website

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Sincerely,



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