

# **TO SECURE THE BORDER**

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## **COMPLETE PHYSICAL BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE**

(Gooden) H.R. 5399 – The National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act to ensure that Border Patrol has access to federal lands along the border and is not prohibited from doing its job due to bureaucratic red tape, while allowing CBP to protect the environment along the border by preventing environmental degradation caused by criminal cartels, and protecting legal land uses such as farming, ranching, recreational hunting and fishing along the border.

(Roy) H.R. 1707 – The Border Visibility and Security Act to require at least 700 miles of new navigable roads along the southern border, permanently eradicate Carrizo Cane along the Rio Grande, and require the installation of technology along the southern border.

(Fallon) H.R. 8143 – Lone Star Reimbursement Act to take money from DoD to reimburse the state of Texas for Operation Lone Star.

(Crenshaw) H.R. 1626 – State Border Security Reimbursement Act to repay Texas for border security expenses.

(Babin) H.R. 4593 - Securing Our Border States Act to provide funds to states to build barriers and related infrastructure along the U.S.-Mexico border.

(Van Duyne) H.R. 5810 - To authorize certain unused materials to be transferred from DHS and the Army Corps of Engineers to border states for the construction of the border wall.

Texas cosponsorships:

H.R. 2729 – The Finish the Wall Act to require DHS to resume activities related to the construction of a barrier system along the U.S.-Mexico border.

## **FIX BORDER ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES**

(Williams) H.R. 5294 - Make the Migrant Protection Protocols Mandatory Act of 2021 to require DHS to utilize the MPP program to remove certain aliens from the United States while such an alien's application for admission is pending.

(Roy) H.R. 7772 - Border Safety and Security Act of 2022 to require DHS to turn away any illegal migrant that cannot be fully detained, including through the use of MPP until the final adjudication of a claim.

(Gooden) H.R. 6155 - No Tax Dollars for the United Nation's Immigration Invasion Act to prohibit the federal government from making contributions to the U.N. International Organization for Migration, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, or the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

(Gooden) H.R. 6773 - Protecting Federal Funds from Human Trafficking and Smuggling Act of 2022 to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to require the disclosure of violations of Federal law with respect to human trafficking or alien smuggling by NGO groups.

(Burgess) H.R. 193 - UAC Assistance Control Act to reduce the foreign aid provided to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras based on the number of UACs in federal custody from each country.

## **CONTINUED: FIX BORDER ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES**

(Crenshaw) H.R. 8355, the Closing Loopholes and Ending Asylum Abuse Act to direct applicant to POEs, clarify criteria for asylum claims, and establish asylum offices abroad and require asylum seekers who pass through countries where such offices are established to make their claims there.

(Nehls) H.R. 8119 - Asylum Claims Improvement Act of 2022 to limit the ability to take into account the mental health of an applicant for asylum.

(Carter) H.R. 7452, the Updated Standards for Asylum (USA) Act of 2022 to require an immigrant receive written notice of the consequences of fraudulent asylum claims and clarify the standards of frivolous claims. Lastly, the USA Act would establish a fine and/or up to 10 years imprisonment standard for those who commit asylum fraud.

(Gooden) H.R. 2219 - End Child Trafficking Now Act to require background checks for all sponsors/ DNA testing.

(Burgess) H.R. 8490 – The PARENT Act to prohibit DHS from releasing a UAC to anyone other than a parent, legal guardian, or HHS-ORR.

(Crenshaw) H.R. 8356, the Flores Settlement Update and Establishment Act to extend holding time of minors out to 120 days, require DNA testing of all FAMUs, establish requirements for UAC custodianship.

(Van Duyne) H.R. 9238 - The Border Patrol First Act to use unobligated amounts given to the Department of State for migration assistance in South America for CBP.

(Weber) H.R. 7528 - The No Aid for Abetting Illegal Immigration Act to prohibit the President from providing assistance to certain countries unless it is certified that those countries have implemented policies to cease the flow of illegal migrants to the U.S.

Texas Cosponsorships:

H.R. 1259 – REMAIN in Mexico Act to require DHS to implement the Migrant Protection Protocols outlined by the Trump Administration.

H.R. 4199 – No Taxpayer Funding for the Central American Minors Program Act to provide federal funds to carry out the Central American Minors program, a Department of Homeland Security and Department of State program that reunites qualified children from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras with their parent who is lawfully present in the United States.

H.J.Res. 82 - Disapproving of the rule submitted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security relating to "Procedures for Credible Fear Screening and Consideration of Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and CAT Protection Claims by Asylum Officers which would allow illegal migrants who claim asylum to have their asylum application approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) officials, not immigration judges, and to not be detained while their application is pending.

H.R. 1901 – Stopping Border Surges Act to close loopholes related to unaccompanied alien minors and asylum seekers such as by reforming the TVPRA, fixing the Flores Settlement Agreement and reforming credible fear.

## **ENFORCE OUR LAWS IN THE INTERIOR**

(Nehls) H.R. 8709 - Prioritizing the Removal of Migrants Act to codify a 2017 Executive Order signed by President Trump, in order to limit this prosecutorial discretion and prioritize the removal of criminal illegal immigrants.

(Gooden) H.R. 6587 - Strengthening Enforcement and Criminalizing Unlawful Records Enabling Flights Act to prevent TSA from allowing illegals to fly without proper documentation, including flying with arrest warrants.

(Arrington) H.R. 5831 - Protect Communities from a Porous Border Act of 2021 to require the collection of fingerprints and the cross referencing of domestic and international criminal databases, and gives governors the authority to reject illegal immigrants from being released into their states.

(Crenshaw) H.R. 8609 - the Surging Prosecutors to Expedite Alien Removals Act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a ration of four ICE prosecutors per immigration judge to ensure the government is represented in immigration cases.

(Gooden) H.R. 7983 - B-VERIFY Act of 2022 to require the collection of biometrics throughout the immigration lifecycle. This bill will improve border security, protect children from human trafficking, and deter asylum and immigration fraud by requiring the collection of biometric information from non-citizens.

(Fallon) H.R. 6706 - ALIEN Act of 2022 to require enhanced penalties for visa overstays as well as reforming the "Membership in a Particular Social Group" category often used as a catch all for asylum and replacing it with the Trump Administration's Global Asylum Rule.

(Cloud) H.R. 9128 - The 287(g) Program Protection Act to assure ICE accepts and approves Memorandum of Agreements (MOAs) with local and state law enforcement agencies that want to partner with ICE.

(Nehls) H.R. 3530 - The Illegal Immigration Penalty Enhancement Act to establish criminal penalties for illegal migrants who enter again after deportation.

Texas cosponsorships:

H.R. 4760 - Criminal Alien Removal Clarification Act of 2021 to subject to deportation an alien who at any time after admission has been convicted of a felony or two misdemeanors under state or federal law.

H.R. 398 - No Asylum for Criminals Act of 2021 to bar an individual who has been convicted of a crime from receiving asylum, with limited exceptions.

## **TARGET CARTELS & CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS**

(Roy) H.R. 2600 - Drug Cartel Terrorist Designation Act, which would require the Department of State to designate certain cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

(Crenshaw) H.R. 9312 - Declaring War on the Cartels Act, to establish a process to combat Transnational Criminal Cartel's illegal activities by targeting their finances and increasing criminal penalties, among other changes.

(Pfluger) H.R. 6473 - To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish the number of known or suspected terrorists encountered attempting to enter the United States on a monthly basis.

(Nehls) H.R. 8710 - Terrorist Reporting Act of 2022, to require the Department of Homeland Security to submit a report to Congress every 90 days that includes the total number of illegal immigrants apprehended by U.S. border patrol who are on the Terrorist Screening Database, as well as their national origin, citizenship, and detention status.

Texas Cosponsorships:

H.R. 8561 - Stop the Cartels Act which among other reforms, impose harsher sanctions on cartels and broadening sanctions to include individuals who provide cartels support.

H.R. 7359 - Stop Fentanyl Border Crossings Act which would allow HHS to restrict migration and imports into the U.S. if HHS determines substantial drug smuggling into the country poses a risk to public health.

## **ADDITIONAL WAYS TEXAS IS FIGHTING TO DEFEND THE FRONTLINES OF THE SOUTHERN BORDER**

(Crenshaw) H.R. 7287, the Anti-Border Corruption Improvement Act to allow certain CBP applicants to have the polygraph waived based on prior positions of public trust.

(Arrington) H.J.Res. 50 which says states at our southern border are suffering an invasion by paramilitary, narco-terrorist cartels, Article 1 Section 10 explicitly reserves to the States the sovereign power to repel an invasion and defend their citizenry from "imminent danger," and Article 4 Section IV says: "The US shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government and shall protect each of them from invasion."

(Jackson) H.R. 6610, Border Czar Accountability Act of 2022 to require any Cabinet member appointed by the President to lead efforts related to immigration or securing the U.S.-Mexico Border to visit the border every 60 days.

## **CONTINUED: ADDITIONAL WAYS TEXAS IS FIGHTING TO DEFEND THE FRONTLINES OF THE SOUTHERN BORDER**

(Pfluger) H.R. 4209, DHS Illicit Cross-Border Tunnel Defense Act to provide funding to CBP to identify and remediate illicit cross-border tunnels at our southern border.

(Burgess) H.R. 1104: Equal Protection for American Workers Act to prohibit DHS from granting a work authorization to an alien who has been at any time unlawfully present in the U.S.

(Pfluger) H.R. 2802 - American Border Rescue Plan Act to establish that funds made available for certain COVID-19 recovery programs may also be available to eligible law enforcement agencies for border enforcement-related purposes. To be eligible to receive such funds, a law enforcement agency must be (1) located in a state with an international border, and (2) involved in an active and ongoing U.S. Customs and Border Protection operation coordinated through a sector office.

(Roy) H.Res. 644 - Of inquiry requesting the President to provide certain documents relating to the operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection which would require certain information from the President regarding the administration's border efforts.

(Jackson) H.Res. 1002, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Vice President Kamala Harris should be removed from her position as the head of the Biden administration's strategy to address the root causes of migration.

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