

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the President of the United States to secure our border
2 and provide the needed policies and resources to protect
3 American citizens and communities throughout this country
4 from the effects of illegal immigration.

5 WHEREAS, On January 20, 2021, President Joe Biden signed a
6 proclamation on the termination of emergency with respect to the
7 southern border of the United States and redirection of funds
8 diverted to border wall construction; and

9 WHEREAS, On January 21, 2021, the United States Department of
10 Homeland Security paused deportations for certain noncitizens in
11 the United States for 100 days and suspended new enrollments in
12 Migrant Protection Protocols policy, also known as the "remain
13 in Mexico" program; and

14 WHEREAS, Upon those actions, the number of migrants who have
15 unlawfully crossed the southern border into Texas has increased
16 at a very alarming rate; and

17 WHEREAS, The negative impacts of illegal immigration and this

1 border crisis are evident in communities throughout the United
2 States and the Biden Administration has put our national
3 security at risk; and

4 WHEREAS, State and local officials nationwide have sounded
5 the alarm regarding the straining of their resources, the
6 scourge of fentanyl deaths, the tragedy of human trafficking,
7 including children smuggled across the border, and the flow of
8 illegal firearms and dangerous gang members; and

9 WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott is clearly exercising his
10 Constitutional authority to defend his state against the
11 consequences of the Biden Administration's inexcusable
12 indifference toward the suffering its policies are inflicting
13 upon border communities and across this country; and

14 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, our duty is to uphold our oath
15 to support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United
16 States and ensure the safety of its citizens; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 urge the President of the United States to secure our border and
19 provide the needed policies and resources to protect American
20 citizens and communities throughout this country from the
21 effects of illegal immigration; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 encourage Governor Josh Shapiro to join with dozens of governors
24 from across the country in support of Texas Governor Greg
25 Abbott's actions to protect our citizens; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
27 the following:

- 28 (1) The President of the United States.
- 29 (2) The Vice President of the United States.
- 30 (3) The United States Secretary of Homeland Security.

1 (4) The President pro tempore of the United States
2 Senate.

3 (5) The Speaker of the United States House of
4 Representatives.

5 (6) The chairperson of the Committee on Homeland
6 Security and Governmental Affairs of the United States
7 Senate.

8 (7) The chairperson of the Committee on Homeland
9 Security of the United States House of Representatives.

10 (8) Each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

11 (9) The Governor of the State of Texas.

12 (10) The Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.