

118TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 774

Recognizing the influx of known or suspected terrorists through America's northern border as a threat to national security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. ZINKE) submitted the following resolution

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the influx of known or suspected terrorists through America's northern border as a threat to national security.

Whereas, in fiscal year 2023, the number of known or suspected terrorists encountered along our northern border within U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Terrorist Screening Data Set Encounters program totaled 432;

Whereas, in fiscal year 2023, the number of known or suspected terrorists encountered along our northern border has increased by 38 percent from fiscal year 2022, and 685 percent from fiscal year 2021;

Whereas, since President Biden took office in January 2021, the number of encounters along our northern border has

risen from 997 monthly encounters to 19,835 encounters in August 2023, a 1,889-percent increase;

Whereas, since President Biden took office in January 2021, the number of encounters along our northern border between ports of entry has risen from 44 monthly encounters to 1,054 encounters in August 2023, a 2,295 percent increase;

Whereas America's northern border, the longest international border in the world, measuring 5,525 miles, has only 140 ports of entry with no performance measures to assess security between ports;

Whereas U.S. Border Patrol staffing on our northern border has remained stagnant since fiscal year 2009; and

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security, under President Biden's and Secretary Mayorkas' leadership, has failed to adequately respond to the crisis at the northern border: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the border crisis along our north-
3 ern border;

4 (2) recognizes the influx of terrorism through
5 our northern border as a threat to national security;
6 and

7 (3) demands Secretary Mayorkas implement a
8 plan to better secure our northern border.

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