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Dear Congressional Leaders,

The Biden Border Crisis is as bad as it ever has been. Since the passage of H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, in May of this year, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has encountered another 1 million inadmissible aliens, all but invited by the Biden Administration and its policy choices. This number brings the overall total under the current administration to over 7 million and does not include the estimated 1.7 million known “gotaways” who successfully evaded CBP during this time, or those who made into America completely undetected. This continued, intentional flood of illegal aliens across the border shows that mere passage of the strongest-ever border security bill in the House is not sufficient to stem the flow—it must become law.

Federal funding expires on September 30, which will undoubtedly result in the consideration of a Continuing Resolution (CR) or similar spending agreement to fund the federal government. At this point, Congress will be faced with a clear and unavoidable policy choice: secure the borders by attaching H.R. 2 to the CR or continue to fund the Biden Administration’s intentional, man-made crisis. If H.R. 2 is attached to the CR, as it should be, then the Biden Administration must choose: shut down the border crisis and fund the government or shut down the government in order to maintain the border crisis.

Securing the border is the most important issue for Americans. After this vote, Americans across the country will have an indisputable account of where elected Members of Congress and the President stand on border security when given a clear chance to finally end the crisis.

Enacting a CR without demanding change would result in the continuation of funding and policies put in place by the disastrous FY2023 omnibus, which has given the Biden Administration the ability to “manage” a never-ending, self-inflicted crisis by allowing them to entice, guide, process, transport, house, and provide social services to even more illegal aliens.

Therefore, the undersigned coalition demands that the already passed, historic border security measure (H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act) be attached to any spending agreement to continue funding the federal government. It is your duty to use any means necessary to address the Biden Administration’s open-borders agenda that not only undermines the rule of law, but threatens national sovereignty, economic security, and public safety daily. Congress cannot simply continue to fund the flood of illegal aliens this administration is ushering into America every day.

The Secure the Border Act, which has been sitting in the Senate waiting for consideration, is the only solution for ending the border crisis. It would close loopholes used for asylum fraud, fortify border security by ending “catch-and-release,” end the illegal use of mass parole, expand penalties for visa overstays, reduce incentives for illegal immigration by mandating nationwide E-Verify, and close longstanding loopholes in the processing of both accompanied and unaccompanied alien children. The bill also resumes construction of the border wall, provides essential support for CBP, and prohibits the Biden Administration’s reliance on non-governmental organizations to process and transport illegal aliens into American communities.

This strongest-ever coalition has been proud to work with Congress in laying the groundwork for this pivotal moment. We are honored to have worked alongside you in [strengthening](#) the Commitment to America, [holding the line](#) against a lame-duck amnesty push by open-borders actors, [pushing](#) for a flagship package earlier this Congress, [seeing through](#) the markups of important pieces of legislative text, and [urging](#) the successful passage of H.R. 2. We will be right there with you, urging all elected members to do their job at this moment to secure the border when this singular opportunity is presented.

Sincerely,

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