

Friend,

Since January 2021, <u>almost 8 million illegal immigrants</u> have crossed our southern border, evading U.S. Border Patrol officers. U.S. Customs and Border Protection <u>has recorded a shocking 43,674</u> arrests of illegal immigrants with criminal backgrounds, a 99% increase from Fiscal Years 2017 - Fiscal Year 2020 combined, as criminals and hardened gang members seek to exploit the open border.

We have seen the tragic results of the border crisis first-hand across the Commonwealth. In February 2024, a Venezuelan national was arrested in Campbell County for sexual offenses against a minor. He crossed illegally in September 2023 and was released. In August 2023, a police officer in Chesapeake was struck by a Nicaraguan national driving under the influence. She had only been in the country for seven months.

I proudly voted for the <u>Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Appropriations Act</u>. This bill would put an end to the Biden border crisis that has jeopardized the safety and security of every American. House Republicans will secure our border by:

- Providing \$600 million for the construction of the Southern Border wall.
- Forcing Secretary Mayorkas to adhere to the law and build physical barriers immediately.
- Sustaining funding for 22,000 Border Patrol agents.
- Providing \$300 million for border security technology.

The Biden administration must finally act. We are a nation of laws, and we have a responsibility to protect the safety and security of the American people. Please know that I am committed to ensuring that we secure our border, enforce current immigration laws, and equip our law enforcement officers with the resources necessary to keep us safe.

Sincerely,

P.S. Do you know someone who would be interested in this information? If so, forward this email and invite them to sign up for my newsletter here.