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**TREVOR JACOBS**  
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Dear Governor Laura Kelly:

America is suffering the worst illegal immigration in the history of our country. President Joe Biden's negligent disregard for America's national security since the end of Title 42 expulsions have emboldened the cartels, who grow wealthy by trafficking deadly fentanyl as well as innocent human beings.

Because President Biden has willfully refused to enforce our nation's immigration laws while systematically dismantling every effective border security policy that previously led to the lowest number of illegal border crossings in decades, every state in the Union is at risk. The resultant surge in illegal immigration and transnational criminal activity is at an all-time high.

With the end of Title 42 expulsions, President Biden's own administration estimates that at least 150,000 migrants a day are waiting to cross the U.S.-Mexico border enter our country illegally. The flood of illegal border activity invited by the Biden Administration flows directly across the southern border into communities. Not only does it affect US/Mexico border states, but illegals are also flocking into other states including our beloved state of Kansas.

In the federal government's absence, we, as the elected officials of Kansas, must join to combat President Biden's ongoing border crisis, and ensure the safety and security that all Americans and Kansans deserve. We must stand with the oath we all took to defend and protect the Constitution and the American people. The Governor of Texas has taken unprecedented actions to protect Texans and Americans by implementing Operation Lone Star. Since the launch of Operation Lone Star in March 2021, Texas has apprehended more than 435,700 undocumented immigrants and made over 34,000 criminal arrests, with over 30,900 felony charges. Operation Lone Star has also seized more than 428 million lethal doses of fentanyl that would have otherwise spread into communities across the nation.<sup>1</sup> We must support this effort and unite with the other 14 states currently doing the job the federal government has failed to do to protect the American people.

Already, our neighboring states of Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma have stepped up to help fill in the dangerous gaps created by President Biden's failed open border policies. Additionally, the Governor of Idaho deployed a team of Idaho State Police personnel to support Texas' border security efforts in a monthlong mission to prevent the smuggling of people and illicit drugs like fentanyl into America. The State of Florida has also offered resources, such as hundreds of Florida National Guard soldiers and law enforcement officers, as well as assets like drone technology.

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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott (2023, September 8). Operation Lone Star Defends Sovereign Authority to Defend Border. <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/operation-lone-star-defends-sovereign-authority-to-secure-border>.

Therefore, we implore you, Governor Kelly, to stand with the other 14 states and help defend our southern borders by sending the necessary resources including Kansas National Guard troops to stop this negligent disregard for America's national security since the end of Title 42 expulsions. America's national security depends on the State of Kansas support.

Sincerely,

Trevor Jacobs, District 4  
Kansas House of Representatives

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