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56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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A MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE FUNDS AND
ATTENTION TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY AT THE NEW MEXICO-MEXICO
BORDER.

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of migrants are illegally
crossing the southern border every day, posing a significant
threat to the safety of the people of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, while the majority of migrants that are entering
the United States illegally are seeking a better life, there is
an undeniable link between the increased illegal entry at the
southern border and increased crime; and

WHEREAS, the United States customs and border protection
agency reported over two million four hundred seventy-five
thousand encounters at the southern border in fiscal year 2023;
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1 WHEREAS, in December 2023, the United States customs and
2 border protection agency reported the highest number of
3 migrants entering the United States illegally in the agency's
4 history, with customs and border patrol agents taking more than
5 two hundred twenty-five thousand migrants into custody; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States immigration and customs
7 enforcement annual report for fiscal year 2023 states that the
8 arrests of migrants who entered the United States illegally and
9 who possessed criminal records hit a new high, as more than
10 fifteen thousand noncitizens with criminal convictions were
11 caught at the border; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States customs and border protection
13 agency reported that, in fiscal year 2023, the pre-existing
14 criminal convictions of noncitizens who entered or who tried to
15 enter the United States included assault, battery, domestic
16 violence, burglary, robbery, larceny, theft, fraud, driving
17 under the influence, homicide, manslaughter, illegal drug
18 possession, illegal drug trafficking, illegal entry and re-
19 entry, illegal weapons possession, transport of illegal
20 weapons, trafficking of illegal weapons and sexual offenses;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, to protect the communities of New Mexico from
23 crime, urgent and decisive action at the southern border is
24 imperative;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United
2 States congress be urged to allocate funds and increased
3 attention to ensure public safety at the New Mexico-Mexico
4 border; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that robust measures be
6 implemented, including border strengthening and increased
7 border enforcement; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and
10 members of the United States congress.