



Arizona House Of Representatives
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

June 25, 2021

Governor Douglas Ducey
Office of the Arizona Governor
1700 West Washington Street
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Dear Governor Ducey:

We write to you about the omnipresent Border crisis. As members of the Legislature, we would like to work with you to come up with a concrete plan to further allocate resources to complete portions of the Border wall and ensure Border Strike Force is fully funded. The surge along our southern Border will likely continue throughout the long, hot summer months with no assistance from the federal government.

As we all know, the Biden Administration doesn't put the public safety or health of Arizonans as a top priority since it took until today for Vice President Kamala Harris to see the invasion for herself in El Paso. We applaud other governors answering your call for assistance to send some of their law enforcement as back-up as the ongoing invasion continues along the southern Border. The problem is real. We wish you did not have to rely on other states to bail us out because the federal government has failed us, but illegal immigration affects every state.

More importantly, it is necessary to arrest the growing trafficking rings we are seeing across our state. A few days ago, a story was highlighted in the local newspaper that the Department of Public Safety released a confessed human smuggler with just a traffic citation after stopping him along a Valley freeway in April with a van full of illegal immigrants.

It was rather alarming to read that the illegal immigrants in the van were released into the Phoenix area even though it is a direct violation of state law to be in our state unlawfully. It was noted that federal agents would not pick up this van full of illegal immigrants if they weren't violent felons. If the Border Strike Force isn't identifying traffickers along the southern Border and they are making their way into the Valley, is the Border Strike Force understaffed and underfunded?

We are hopeful this letter will serve as an opportunity to work together to further investigate why this human trafficker was let go. We support trade relations with Mexico, but we do not want transnational crime rings bringing further ruin to our state. It is past time to plug the gaping holes on state lands that buttress Mexico, allowing traffickers to invade our state. It's a state's rights issue. Let's work on a plan together!

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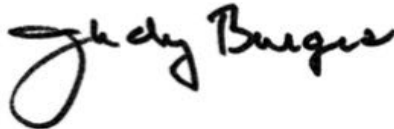
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