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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 U.S. Capitol  
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Dear Chair Granger,

It is impossible to see what is happening on the southern border and not be deeply disappointed by the humanitarian crisis, criminal gang activity, and drug trafficking. There is a direct link between the policies of the Biden Administration and the dramatic increase in illegal border crossings. This is why I will be visiting the southern border next week to monitor the situation firsthand.

In Congress, we are working diligently to secure the border. We passed H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, the most robust border security legislation in modern history. As I testified in a congressional Committee, many Utahns do not feel safe due to the inflow of fentanyl and gang activity that crosses our border and ravages Utah communities large and small. This must be addressed, and I will continue to do my part in Washington.

I regret that due to the failure of the President and Secretary Mayorkas to enforce the law, the situation at the border has become so dire states feel the need to volunteer their own resources to stop illegal crossings. I applaud those who have volunteered their own resources to do so.

Congress has the power of the purse, and we must support these states spending dollars to clean up the President's mess. **I urge you to use the Appropriation's process to refund any state that uses state law enforcement to help secure the border.**

While we continue to work on legislation to hold the Biden Administration accountable, this step will ensure states aren't unfairly burdened to protect their own citizens.

Sincerely,



John Curtis  
Member of Congress