

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1737

A RESOLUTION affirming Texas Governor, Greg Abbott's right to defend the state of Texas from unrestrained illegal immigration.

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas continues to embrace the benefits of legal immigration and applauds the achievements and contributions of those who have become citizens through legal means; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas has mounting concerns for the safety of Kansas citizens ensuing from illegal immigration and the open disregard for the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, The fentanyl crisis, largely created by our porous southern border, persists at an alarming rate, with a trajectory from acute to grave, as shown by statistics provided by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation that there has been a 3,000% increase in positive fentanyl tests; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Kansas Legislature are dismayed at President Joe Biden's continuing willingness to degrade both state and national security through an open border policy; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Kansas Legislature are united in their concern over the growing problem of illegal immigration in other states, particularly in the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The states that border Mexico, particularly Texas, have faced an onslaught—numbering millions—of illegal immigrants attempting to cross the state border, and there is no end in sight; and

WHEREAS, Governors from 25 states have expressed their dissatisfaction at President Biden's refusal to recognize the right of the state of Texas to defend itself against illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, The same 25 governors support the right of Texas Governor, Greg Abbott, to create and execute policies that defend Texas and its citizens from illegal immigration; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of Kansas has remained silent on the border crisis and has not taken action to assist Governor Abbott; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General of Kansas has released to the Biden administration a letter penned by attorneys general from 26 other states joining together to show their support for Texas as it contends with the ongoing border issues with Mexico: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the Kansas Legislature joins in solidarity with the 25 united governors and Texas Governor, Greg Abbott, in asserting that as a state governor, he has a right to defend his state and its citizens against the unrestrained illegal immigration policies of President Biden; and

*Be it further resolved:* That President Biden has violated his oath of office by failing to faithfully execute the immigration laws of our nation as enacted by the Congress of the United States; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Texas Governor, Greg Abbott, the Senate of Texas, the Texas House of Representatives, the United States Congressional delegation from Kansas and the Senate President.

Senate Resolution No. 1737 was sponsored by Senators Masterson, Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claeys, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, O'Shea, Peck, Petersen, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Thompson, Tyson, Warren and Wilborn.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*