

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1602

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging Governor Kelly to fully
2 cooperate with the policies of the Trump administration in enforcing
3 federal immigration laws.

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5 WHEREAS, The state of Kansas is committed to upholding the rule of
6 law and ensuring the safety and security of its citizens; and

7 WHEREAS, Illegal immigration leads to severe repercussions for our
8 entire state, including threats to public safety and public health via human
9 trafficking, the deadly fentanyl crisis and strains on public resources; and

10 WHEREAS, The Trump administration has expressed a commitment
11 to enforce immigration laws via a historic operation led by his border
12 czar, including deportation; and

13 WHEREAS, The priority of this massive operation will include the
14 deportation of illegal immigrants who have committed crimes; and

15 WHEREAS, This effort is increasingly becoming a bipartisan effort,
16 as evidenced by the bipartisan support of the Laken Riley Act, including
17 by our entire congressional delegation; and

18 WHEREAS, Collaboration between state and federal authorities is
19 essential for effective and efficient enforcement and to address the myriad
20 challenges associated with illegal immigration; and

21 WHEREAS, Many states are at the forefront of the effort to secure our
22 border and work with the Trump administration to do so, and Kansas
23 needs to join this effort; and

24 WHEREAS, Some states and local jurisdictions have indicated that
25 they will resist the Trump administration's efforts to secure the border and
26 deport illegal immigrants; and

27 WHEREAS, Kansas, thus, needs to make it clear that we stand united
28 in support of the Trump administration's efforts to secure our border, stop
29 illegal immigration and protect our communities: Now, therefore,

30 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of
31 Representatives concurring therein: That the Legislature strongly urges
32 Governor Laura Kelly to fully cooperate with the Trump administration
33 in enforcing immigration laws in the state of Kansas, including the
34 deportation of illegal immigrants; and

35 *Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature encourages Governor
36 Kelly to use her lawful authority to help secure the border, including

1 offering assistance through the Kansas National Guard, as stated in
2 resolutions adopted by the Legislature in 2024; and

3 *Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature will continue to support
4 efforts aimed at securing our borders and reducing illegal immigration
5 while fostering a legal immigration system that meets the needs of the
6 state and our country; and

7 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an
8 enrolled copy of this resolution to Governor Laura Kelly, members of the
9 Kansas congressional delegation, President Donald J. Trump and relevant
10 federal entities to promote awareness and collaboration on this vital issue.