

## Senate Resolution No. 1737

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 WHEREAS, The Attorney General of Kansas has released to the  
33 Biden administration a letter penned by attorneys general from 26 other  
34 states joining together to show their support for Texas as it contends with

1 the ongoing border issues with Mexico: Now, therefore,

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

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

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