

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 2, 2024

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of the State of Texas
Office of the Governor
State Insurance Building
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Abbott,

We write to encourage your Administration to hold the line against the Biden Administration and continue to do everything you can to protect our Southern Border. We appreciate your leadership for Texas at this difficult time in light of the recent Supreme Court vacating of the 5th Circuit's protective stay and the Biden Administration's continued support for the federal removal of razor wire.

It is within the fundamental nature of Federalism that our system of government works best when states protect their sovereign rights. Article 4, Section 4 of the US Constitution guarantees that states would be protected from a Federal Government that would defy the law and force a state to endure a foreign invasion. In Federalist 46, Founding Father James Madison argued that the powers of the federal government are limited, and the inherent rights of the states must be recognized.¹ This should still stand true today and the Democrat Administration must not thumb its nose at Congress and impose its will on the states. Regardless of what this Administration says, the current situation at our Southern Border is a complete and total invasion.

President Biden's policies are reckless and continue to put American sovereignty in danger. Illegal immigrants are entering America in record numbers and putting the American people in danger. According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, there were over two million encounters along the Texas border in FY23.² This Administration has done nothing to solve the issue. Under President Biden, there is no law and order, only chaos.

Governor Abbott, we appreciate your resolve at this time and know you will do what is in the best interest of Texas. Please continue to use all the resources and constitutional authority at your disposal to enforce our border security. We will continue to stand with you against this illegal alien invasion enabled by cartels and the Biden Administration.

Sincerely,



Keith Self
Member of Congress



Brian Babin, D.D.S.
Member of Congress

¹ [The Avalon Project : Federalist No 46 \(yale.edu\)](https://avalon.libraries.yale.edu/fedlist/fedlist_46.htm)

² [CBP Enforcement Statistics Fiscal Year 2023 | U.S. Customs and Border Protection](https://www.cbp.gov/pressroom/2023/02/cbp-enforcement-statistics-fiscal-year-2023)



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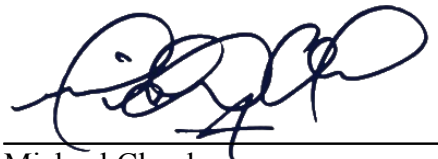
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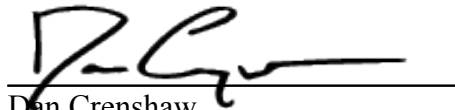
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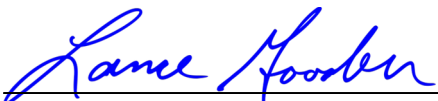
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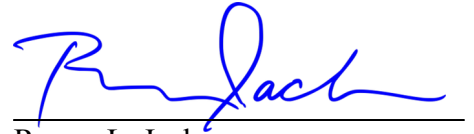
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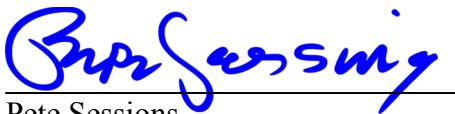
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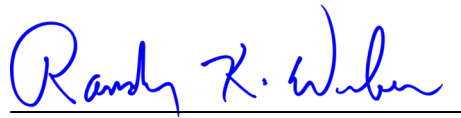
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