## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

January 24, 2025

The Honorable Tom Homan Border Czar The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Homan,

Congratulations on your new role as the Border Czar for President Donald Trump.

As this new administration begins, we, as co-chairs of the Northern Border Security Caucus, want to highlight the importance of protecting the Northern border, which as you well know has been overlooked considering the ongoing crisis at our Southwest border.

The Northern border has faced an unprecedented rise in encounters during the last Administration with FY2024 encounters rising nearly 82% over FY2022. The number of unaccompanied children encountered skyrocketed 262% in the same period. The Swanton Sector, where a Border Patrol agent was shot and killed on January 20<sup>th</sup>, has seen an outrageous 1,720% increase in encounters from FY2022 to FY2024.

During the last two years, the Northern Border Security Caucus tried to sound the alarm with the Biden-Harris Administration to deaf ears.

You have made clear that you share our same vision for a more safe and secure Northern border. Accordingly, we would like to invite you to meet with the Caucus to hear your thoughts on how Congress and the new Administration can work together to secure the Northern Border.

Please reach out to one of our staff to confirm a time for a briefing:

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly Member of Congress

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Ryan Zinke Member of Congress