



KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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I write this letter to inform Texans of the current crisis we are facing on our border and ask that we come together in forming a solution. The border crisis that Texans faced last year rages on and has now impacted many of your homes and has rendered every Texas county a border county.

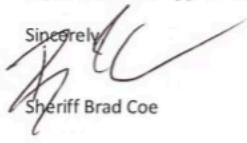
Kinney County consists of 3,129 souls and heavily relies on ranching and hunting to sustain our economy. The safety and security of our county has been constantly under threat since early 2021 by those who have no desire to seek asylum through lawful means. Due to our geographic location, being situated between Del Rio and Eagle Pass, we are painfully aware of the degrees to which illegal aliens will wreak havoc in our communities. Our homes are being broken into in the middle of the night. The local school district has been forced to erect military barricades around campus to protect students from smugglers evading law enforcement. Walking outside on our own property after dark is no longer safe. The residents of Kinney County no longer enjoy the comfort and safety of their own home. Words cannot adequately describe the conditions on the ground and the daily threats we have been forced to contend with.

Under normal circumstances, our county would not support a large or robust law enforcement presence. However, these are extraordinary times. We have taken as many steps as humanly possible to secure the safety of our residents. Kinney County currently maintains a law enforcement presence on both the roadways and local ranches. A county "brush team" has been created to patrol, interdict, and arrest individuals committing criminal trespass and home burglaries on local ranches. Both Galveston County and Goliad County have graciously aided our efforts in the field, however, resources and manpower are stretched to the breaking point to successfully maintain operations. We are therefore expanding our request and calling upon the people of Texas and beyond for your help.

While the limited resources of one county alone will not successfully address the current border crisis, we are empowered by our constitution, our citizens, and our governor to establish working coalitions and taskforces to uphold the law and ensure the peace in our state. In a recent letter received by Governor Abbott, he encourages counties to act as coalitions to "*combine their resources and coordinate their activities to successfully protect their own residents.*"

By sending this letter, I am requesting any aide that your county may be able to provide in this border crisis, whether it be manpower, equipment, or operators. This crisis has made all counties a border county. It is imperative that we stand ready here at the border in order to protect and serve the people of our great state.

Please reach out directly with any questions you may have regarding these requests and the practical logistics for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Brad Coe