



Office of the Speaker
North Carolina House of Representatives

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

January 31, 2024

Dear Governor Cooper:

Every day, North Carolinians are forced to suffer the consequences of President Biden's open border policies. Under his administration's watch, millions have illegally poured through our southern border and have wreaked havoc on our public safety, strained our social safety net, and weakened the rule of law in our country.

Due to this crisis, North Carolina faces increased security threats from foreign actors, tragic fentanyl deaths, and disturbing human trafficking by cartels and gangs. These threats divert precious resources to the detriment of our citizens. Even as you declared 2024 the "Year of the public school," the New Hanover County School Superintendent proposed closing a special needs public school and replacing it with a "newcomers school" for non-citizens. These issues are only growing, and it is your duty as Governor to do everything you can do to protect this State.

This crisis has effectively turned every state into a border state. Increased criminal activity and overstressed resources are just a few of the challenges that North Carolina faces as a result of the federal government's inaction. Unchecked, this crisis threatens our basic security and freedoms. We will not sit idly by while this President's failure causes ruin to this great State and our nation as a whole.

Governor Abbott of Texas has been valiantly defending his state's security in the face of this crisis. Rather than commend Governor Abbott for the measures he has taken to secure the border and mitigate the crisis, the Biden Administration has fought him every step of the way.


Our state must stand in solidarity with Texas and Governor Abbott and support his efforts to defend our southern border and protect our citizens. This body urges you to stand with Governor Abbott and speak out in support of his actions to protect his state.

The North Carolina House of Representatives requests you take the following actions:

- Deploy additional North Carolina National Guard troops to assist Governor Abbott, not under ineffectual federal authority, but in coordination with Texas leadership and request any needed additional resources for this deployment in your upcoming state budget submission.
- Commit to signing legislation that mandates cooperation with ICE by local police departments to remove illegal immigrants who are committing crimes. Many illegal immigrants are unaccompanied military-aged men with military or cartel experience.
- Halt any discretionary cooperation with the federal government to place and house illegal migrants in the State.

We trust that you share our desire to protect the state from the failures of the federal government's open borders policies. However, if for some reason you fail to take action, these and other options will be on the table for the House supermajority during the upcoming legislative short session.

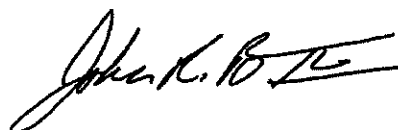
Sincerely,



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