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Dear Congressional Leaders,

As we write, a small group of U.S. Senators are negotiating in secret to craft so-called border security legislation to be included in a future iteration of the Biden Administration's doomed \$106 billion supplemental funding request. The text of this legislation has been withheld to avoid the scrutiny of fellow lawmakers and organizations like ours who are committed to actually securing the border.

Even more concerning, those crafting this bargain have already stated publicly that their policy prescriptions fall far short of H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act of 2023, which we believe is the bare minimum required to regain control of America's southern border. By passing H.R. 2, the House has done what is necessary to secure the border. Moreover, almost every Republican Senator voted in favor of that bill in June, when it was offered as an amendment to an unrelated bill. There is no reason Members of the House and Senate should accept anything less than the provisions of H.R. 2. Watering down its provisions, simply as a means of obtaining enough votes for other policy priorities, should not guide the Senate's efforts here. The goal should be to end this border crisis.

The Biden Administration inherited the most secure border in our lifetimes but intentionally chose policies to create and maintain the border crisis. As such, the half-measures being contemplated in this Senate "border deal" would simply facilitate

the ongoing de-facto amnesty the Biden Administration is granting by processing millions of illegal aliens into American communities and providing them work authorization. The undersigned and the millions of voters we represent who support sensible border security policy are prepared to defeat this “deal” just as we defeated the Gang of Eight bill ten years ago.

This strongest-ever assembled border security coalition has been proud to work with Congress in laying the groundwork for a sensible policy that ends the border crisis. Together, we [strengthened](#) the Commitment to America, [held](#) the line against lame-duck amnesty, and helped to [pass](#) H.R. 2, the strongest border bill ever passed by the House. The Senate must do its job and pass an equally strong bill that will secure the border. The American people will accept nothing less.

Sincerely,

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