

**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0309

April 21, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

There is a crisis at the southern border. From recent conversations with local community leaders, law enforcement, and local Department of Homeland Security officials, it's clear that their resources, staffing and capabilities are strained.

Yesterday, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey announced he would be sending up to 250 additional Arizona National Guardsmen to the U.S.-Mexico border to assist local law enforcement efforts as increases in migration numbers continue. On February 4, 2021, we sent a letter to Secretary Mayorkas calling for additional resources to assist on the border. While additional resources were passed in the American Rescue Plan and provided by FEMA and DHS, additional personnel are needed at the border to ensure our communities are protected, and migrants are treated fairly and humanely. This need for a secure and orderly process at the U.S. southern border should not fall on the state of Arizona or Arizona border communities.

We know the National Guard can provide important assistance on the border and note that there are approximately 500 Guardsmen already deployed to the Yuma and Tucson sectors. As such, we request you reimburse the state of Arizona for the deployment the Governor announced yesterday to support border security and continue to increase DHS personnel who can further assist with the processing of migrants, securing the border, and executing important security missions.

We stand ready to work with you to support our border communities, secure the border, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and treat all migrants and unaccompanied children fairly and humanely.

Sincerely,



Kyrsten Sinema  
United States Senator



Mark Kelly  
United States Senator