



## Solving the Border Crisis Act

*Idaho Senator Jim Risch has introduced legislation to reverse the policies and actions taken by the Biden administration that have fueled the crisis at the southern border.*

### OVERVIEW OF THE ISSUE

Within weeks of taking office, the Biden administration dismantled every successful immigration policy it inherited and created the conditions for a crisis at the southern border. Since then, the U.S. has experienced more illegal border crossings than any other time in over 20 years. Criminal cartels are taking advantage of the administration's open border policies to make millions of dollars every day trafficking people and drugs across our border, then using that money to grow their illicit operations.

### THE SOLVING THE BORDER CRISIS ACT

- **Extends Title 42** until at least 60 days after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- **Requires a comprehensive plan of action** to address the influx of illegal migrants in the event that Title 42 is terminated.
- **Immediately resumes border wall construction** and requires DHS to submit a plan to Congress for the swift completion of the border wall.
- **Allows asylum seekers to be returned to Mexico** or to a safe third country as they await their court proceedings.
- **Blocks asylum officers from hearing asylum claims** instead of immigration judges.
- **Establishes minimum staffing levels** for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Border Patrol agents.
- **Ensures sufficient detention facilities** are funded for ICE to meet requirements.
- **Determines if Customs and Border Protection (CBP)** is collecting the DNA of unlawful migrants as authorized by law to help with criminal investigations in the U.S.

### BOTTOM LINE

The crisis at the southern border cannot continue unchecked. The Solving the Border Crisis Act reinstates the effective policies President Biden's administration rescinded and enacts commonsense reforms to address our broken immigration system.