



Senator Risch Counters Biden's Open Border Policies with Solutions

Every day, more and more illegal migrants are crossing our southern border and, with them, come cartels, fentanyl, and dangers for our community. This growing number of migrants is a direct result of President Biden's open border policies.

Senator Risch stands as a strong contrast to the president's immigration failures.

He has:

- Called for a vote of no confidence against U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas;
- Introduced nearly a dozen pieces of legislation to combat the crisis;
- Demanded increased enforcement to stop fentanyl from flowing into our communities via the Southern border;
- Targeted the human traffickers who are enslaving migrants and forcing women to have abortions;
- Introduced legislation to prevent the federal government from release illegal immigrants into the U.S. after being detained for six months;
- Cosponsored legislation to codify the Remain in Mexico policy that requires asylum seekers to stay outside of the U.S. while their claim is being considered; and
- Called on Congress to vote against President Biden's change to the public charge rule that enabled migrants to use several federal, taxpayer-funded programs without it counting against their eligibility for green cards, permanent residency, or admission.

Senator Risch also wrote, introduced, and garnered support for his legislation the ***Solving the Border Crisis Act***, which takes a multipronged approach to addressing this crisis and stopping the chaos of the Biden administration. His bill would:

- Resume border wall construction
- Reinststate the Remain in Mexico program permanently
- Returning asylum claims to immigration judges
- Requiring a plan to address the massive influx of migrants due to Title 42 ending
- Establishing minimum staffing levels for immigration enforcement, border patrol, and field operation agents
- Ensuring sufficient detention facilities are funded for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to meet requirements



Senator Risch is firmly committed to bringing back border wall construction. With his colleagues Senator Risch has introduced three different bills that would do just that:

- The *Solving the Border Crisis Act*;
- The *WALL Act*, which would pay for the completion of the border wall with the funds currently going towards the entitlement benefits and tax credits for illegal immigrants; and
- The *Build the Wall Now Act*, which would resume border wall reconstruction within 24 hours of being signed into law using \$2.1 billion in federal funding previously allocated for wall construction.

Senator Risch is also working to keep Idaho's northern border communities safe and in a position to prosper. CBP's failure to return to pre-pandemic hours is unacceptable. Senator Risch:

- Demanded U.S. Customs and Border Protection return U.S. northern ports of entry, including Porthill Port of Entry in Idaho, to pre-pandemic hours; and he
- Wrote, garnered bicameral support, and introduced legislation requiring U.S. Customs and Border Protection's hours of operations at northern ports to match or exceed pre-pandemic hours.