

# THE BORDER

## United by America's Priorities

- For two years, Democrats have ignored the worst border crisis in American history, backed Biden's open-border policies, and allowed fentanyl to flood America.
- Republicans want to enforce our immigration laws, bring back Remain in Mexico, build the wall, and end the incentives that are feeding the crisis.

## **Biden and Democrats Have Created the Worst Border Crisis in American History** **Since Biden took office, there have been over 5.5 million illegal border crossings - the most in U.S. history.**

- **In Biden's first 100 days in office, he took 94 executive actions on immigration, including:**
  - » Stopping construction of the border wall, halting deportations; and suspending "Remain in Mexico."
- **At every turn, Senate Democrats voted in lockstep for Joe Biden's disastrous border policies.**
  - » In 2021, when Democrats passed their reckless \$1.9 trillion spending spree:
    - They voted to end the Remain in Mexico program; and
    - They voted to send checks to illegal immigrants and fund sanctuary cities.
  - » In May of 2022, Democrats voted to expand Biden's policy of catch-and-release.
    - Earlier this year, Biden's DHS issued a rule to give USCIS the authority to grant illegal immigrants' asylum without requiring those individuals to have a hearing before an immigration judge.
    - Democrats voted with Biden, and against a Republican CRA that would have rescinded this rule.
  - » In August 2022, when Democrats passed their latest reckless spending bill.
    - Democrats voted **for**:
      - Funding hiring 87,000 new IRS agents *instead of* hiring more border patrol agents.
    - Democrats voted **against**:
      - Funding border security and border agents.
      - Ensuring Immigrations and Customs Enforcement had sufficient resources.
      - Providing funding to implement Title 42.
      - Funding the border wall; and
      - Improving screening and detection of narcotics like fentanyl at the border.
  - » In March 2023, Biden's FY24 Budget again proposed cutting DHS funding while boosting IRS funding by 15%.
- **The result: Democrats' policies have created the worst border crisis in American history.**
  - » Since Biden took office, CBP has recorded over 5.5 million illegal border crossings at the U.S. Southern Border.
  - » That doesn't include the estimated 1.5 million "gotaways" (those who evaded CBP) since Biden took office.
  - » Both 2021 and 2022 broke historic records for the highest number of illegal border crossings in U.S. history.
  - » In 2023, the number of illegal border crossings are already outpacing those of the last two years.
- **As the border crisis has grown, so too has the amount of fentanyl flooding into the U.S.**
  - » Over the last two years, drug overdose deaths – largely driven by fentanyl – have become the leading cause of death for adults 18-45-years-old.
  - » Since Biden took office, seizures of fentanyl at the Southern Border have hit record highs.
    - In 2022 alone, over 18,800 pounds of fentanyl was seized at the border – a new record high.
    - Over 18,800 pounds of fentanyl is enough to kill the entire U.S. population 13 times.
    - In the first five months of 2023, CBP seized over 12,431lbs of fentanyl at the Southern Border - more than double the amount seized in the first five months of 2022.
      - In FY2023, CBP has so far seized over 19,664lbs of fentanyl. That's nearly 3x more fentanyl than was seized in FY 2022 over the same time period.
  - » Record-high fentanyl seizures only tell half the story.
    - Fentanyl seizures account only for the fentanyl that Border agents are able to successfully detect.
  - » Even as CBP seizes fentanyl, cartels continue to successfully smuggle fentanyl into the interior of the U.S.
    - In 2021: Despite CBP reporting record fentanyl seizures, [DEA reported](#) seizing in the interior of the United States over 15,000 pounds of substances containing fentanyl and over 20 million fentanyl-laced prescription pills.
    - In 2022: Even though CBP seized over 18,800lbs of fentanyl at the border, it still found its way into the interior U.S..
      - In 2022, DEA recovered over 57.7 million fentanyl pills and more than 13,700lbs of fentanyl powder - enough to kill 410 million people.
    - The same is true in 2023: Even though CBP has seized over 12,431lbs of fentanyl at the border; so far, this year DEA has seized over 40.5 million fentanyl pills and over 5,600lbs of fentanyl powder - enough to kill 167.8 million people.

# Republicans want to secure the border and stop the flow of deadly fentanyl.

- That means:

1. Ensure our immigration laws are enforced.
2. Bring back the Remain in Mexico program.
3. Finish building the wall.
4. End the incentives that are feeding the crisis.

## Republicans have a record of putting forward legislative solutions to **secure the border** and stop the flow of deadly fentanyl.

1. [S.4876 - Felony Murder for Deadly Fentanyl Distribution Act](#)
2. [S.4642 - Comprehensive Southern Border Strategy Act](#)
3. [S.4637 - Asylum Integrity Act](#)
4. [S.4570 - Transnational Criminal Organization Illicit Spotter Prevention and Elimination Act](#)
5. [S.4518 - Solving the Border Crisis Act](#)
6. [S.4370 - Keep Our Communities Safe Act of 2022](#)
7. [S.4324 - Reverse Entry for Migrant Offenders and Violence Expulsion Act](#)
8. [S.4294 - BUILD IT Act](#)
9. [S.3146 - WALL Act of 2021](#)
10. [S.4036 - Public Health and Border Security Act of 2022](#)
11. [S.4022 - A bill to codify in statute the CDC title 42 expulsion order, which suspends the right for certain aliens to enter the United States along United States land borders, until February 1, 2025.](#)
12. [S.3959 - Stop Fentanyl Border Crossings Act](#)
13. [S.3300 - Protect American Taxpayer Dollars from Illegal Immigration Act](#)
14. [S.3263 - Upholding the Law at Our Border Act](#)
15. [S.2945 - BE GONE Act](#)
16. [S.2078 - People's Liberation Army Visa Security Act](#)
17. [S.1582 - Empowering Law Enforcement Act of 2021](#)
18. [S.1261 - Illegal Alien NICS Alert Act](#)
19. [S.1006 - Stopping Overdoses of Fentanyl Analogues Act](#)
20. [S.903 - End Child Trafficking Now Act](#)
21. [S.884 - Stopping Border Surges Act](#)
22. [S.478 - Higher Wages for American Workers Act of 2021](#)
23. [S.80 - Sarah's Law](#)
24. [S.71 - Accountability Through Electronic Verification Act](#)
25. [S.60 - Immigration Detainer Enforcement Act of 2021](#)
26. [S.59 - Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act of 2021](#)
27. [S.42 - Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act](#)
28. [S.25 - Stop Greenlighting Driver Licenses for Illegal Immigrants Act of 2021](#)

