



Independent Women's Voice Supports the Stopping Border Surges Act

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Dear Senators Tuberville and Lee,

Thank you for introducing the **Stopping Border Surges Act**. Independent Women's Voice fights for women and their loved ones by advancing policy solutions that do more than sound compassionate. They must actually make Americans safer, protect the vulnerable, uphold the rule of law, and strengthen the institutions on which a free society depends.

For too long, America's broken immigration system has created incentives that reward unlawful entry, empower smugglers and traffickers, and overwhelm the very asylum system intended to protect people fleeing genuine persecution. The Stopping Border Surges Act confronts those failures directly.

Children were among the greatest victims of the open border under Biden. The Stopping Border Surges Act strengthens protections for unaccompanied alien children by requiring specialized training for immigration officers interviewing potential trafficking victims and by imposing greater accountability over the adults into whose custody these children are released. The bill also requires critical identifying information about sponsors to be shared with the Department of Homeland Security before placement, including immigration status when known.

These safeguards are essential to disrupting the conditions traffickers exploit. Vulnerable children should never be handed into opaque networks with insufficient scrutiny of the adults receiving them. Stronger screening, clearer accountability, and better information-sharing help protect children from trafficking, abuse, forced labor, and other forms of exploitation while restoring basic integrity to the system charged with their care.

The bill also restores integrity to the asylum process. Asylum is an essential protection for those who truly face persecution. It cannot function as intended when weak standards, fraudulent claims, and years-long delays allow the system to be exploited. By strengthening credible-fear standards, improving documentation and recording of interviews, addressing frivolous and fraudulent applications, and

clarifying eligibility requirements, this legislation better distinguishes legitimate humanitarian claims from abuse of the process.

**A sovereign nation has both the right and the responsibility
to control its borders.**

That principle is not in conflict with compassion. In fact, a system without meaningful rules ultimately harms the most vulnerable first: children placed in the hands of smugglers, women subjected to trafficking and sexual violence on the journey north, legitimate asylum seekers trapped in an enormous backlog, and American communities asked to absorb the consequences of a system Washington has refused to fix.

America can remain both generous and sovereign. But generosity without order is unsustainable, and compassion without accountability is its own form of cruelty.

For these reasons, Independent Women's Voice supports the Stopping Border Surges Act and urges Congress to advance this important legislation. We thank Senators Tuberville and Lee for their leadership in working to restore integrity, accountability, and common sense to America's immigration system.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meaghan Mobbs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

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