

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 25, 2024

Dear Majority Leader Schumer:

On January 18, 2023, you stated on the Senate floor that “we need to do something to fix the situation at the border.” We agree. The crisis at our nation’s southern border is unprecedented. It’s the worst it’s ever been in our country’s history.

You also said that “it is my goal for the Senate to move forward to the national security supplemental as soon as possible.” We anticipate that legislation to address the crisis at our southern border will be in that supplemental.

It is crucial that we ensure border legislation is passed correctly, not just quickly. We must fully understand what is in the bill, how the Biden administration will implement the bill, and how it will impact our states and local communities. Therefore, we request the following:

- Seventy-two hours to elapse between the text of the full national security supplemental bill being made public and the first vote on the legislation in the Senate. This will allow Senators to review the legislation fully.
- Cabinet Secretaries and other administration officials charged with the bill’s implementation be made available to answer questions in an all-Senators meeting. This will allow all Senators to ask questions and learn how this will impact their state.

We believe this legislative effort can lead to a secure, safe, and operational border. For that to happen, however, we must have the opportunity to ensure the legislation does just that.

Sincerely,



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Pete Ricketts  
United States Senator



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John Barrasso  
United States Senator



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Bill Cassidy, M.D.  
United States Senator



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Tom Cotton  
United States Senator



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Joni K. Ernst  
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