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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0306

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

June 17, 2014

Dear Mr. President

I am writing to you today to demand the immediate deployment of National Guard units to our southwest border to stem the flow of illegal immigrants crossing our border.

Thanks to your Administration's failure to enforce United States immigration law, our Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agents are being overwhelmed by the current surge in illegal immigration. The drastic increase and persistently high number of Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) being apprehended and detained by agents along our border is causing resources to be diverted away from other Department of Homeland Security (DHS) missions, stretching the CBP thin, and causing a potentially devastating impact on our national security.

Rather than focusing on interdiction, intelligence, investigation, processing, detention, and removal, DHS resources are being dedicated to address the flow of UAC. The sheer scale of illegal immigration is compromising DHS capabilities to address other transnational criminal activities such as human and drug trafficking.

It is imperative the National Guard is provided with authority to not only patrol the border but to also enforce our laws and assist in arresting those illegally crossing the border. History has proven that the deployment of our National Guard to the southwest border has increased border security while deterring illegal immigration. During Operation Jumpstart, the deployment of the National Guard to our southwest border led to the apprehension of more than 176,000 illegal immigrants crossing the border and the interdiction of over 321,000 pounds of illicit drugs.

There is no longer time to wait and see. Action must be immediately taken. Refusal to do so will have dire consequences on our national security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Schweikert".

David Schweikert
Member of Congress