

SOUTHERN BORDER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SUPPLEMENTAL

The Southern Border Humanitarian Assistance Supplemental includes \$4.6 billion, **\$400 million below the revised request from the Trump administration**, to address the humanitarian crisis on our southern border as families flee violence and dire poverty in their home countries. This includes \$2.88 billion for the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to care for migrant children, and \$1.3 billion to improve the inhumane conditions at the border and alleviate overcrowding at Customs and Border Protection (CBP) facilities.

Oversight And Constraining The Trump Administration:

- **NO** Funding For Trump's Wall And **NO** Funding For Ice Detention Beds.
- **PROHIBITS** DHS Transfers Of **ANY** Funding In This Bill To **ANY** Other Purpose.
- **PROHIBITS** Information Obtained From Potential Sponsors Of Unaccompanied Children From Being Used In Immigration Enforcement Actions.
- **ENSURES** Congressional Oversight Visits To ORR Facilities Within 48 Hours' Notice.
- Temporary Facilities In Operation For More Than Six Months **MUST** Meet New Minimum Standards, And All New CBP Processing Facilities **MUST** Meet National Standards On Transport, Escort, Detention And Search.
- **REQUIRES** Monthly Public Reporting On Children Being Separated From Their Families.

The Supplemental Includes:

- \$979 Million **In New Funding For Migrant Care**, Processing Facilities, Food, Medical Services, And Safe Transportation.
- 30 **New Immigration Judge Teams** To Address The Immigration Backlog.
- \$20 Million In Funding To Expand **Alternatives To Detention** Programs By An Estimated 13,500 People.
- \$30 Million In **Grants For Nonprofits** Who Care For Migrant Families Released From CBP Custody.
- \$10 Million For The Legal Orientation Program To **Educate Migrants About Their Rights** And The Legal Process At The Border.
- \$9 Million To **Speed Up Placement Of Unaccompanied Children With Sponsors** And Manage Their Cases.

If Congress does not act, ORR will run out of funding at the end of the month, further deteriorating conditions for children and migrants at the border. Committee Democrats secured several important conditions to ensure the children in U.S. custody are treated humanely and provided appropriate care. They secured a provision to ensure the resources in this supplemental are used only for the purpose they were appropriated for.

It is unfortunate the supplemental does not include a provision protecting the resources that Republicans and Democrats already appropriated two years ago to address the root causes of migration in Central America that the President has threatened to reprogram elsewhere.

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