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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO  
REIMBURSE ARIZONA FOR ITS COSTS RELATING TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

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1 To the Congress and Department of Homeland Security of the United States of  
2 America:

3 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

4 Whereas, the government of the United States has an obligation to its  
5 citizens to secure the nation's borders and ensure the rule of law in its  
6 communities; and

7 Whereas, it is evident from the millions of undocumented aliens who  
8 have illegally entered into this country in recent years that the federal  
9 government has failed to adequately protect the nation's borders; and

10 Whereas, illegal immigration burdens states and local communities with  
11 hundreds of millions of dollars in uncompensated expenses for law  
12 enforcement, health care and other essential services; and

13 Whereas, as a result of its shared border with and proximity to Mexico,  
14 Arizona suffers a disproportionate financial burden because of the  
15 unauthorized immigration from Mexico; and

16 Whereas, many of Arizona's counties have seen an increase in their  
17 costs for incarceration, courts, law enforcement and health care and social  
18 services, which can be directly attributed to the rising number of  
19 undocumented immigrants; and

20 Whereas, as border control measures have increased in recent years, so  
21 has the use of human trafficking networks, resulting in more violent crimes  
22 along the border, a dramatic increase in assaults on law enforcement officers  
23 and overwhelmed local criminal justice and correctional systems; and

24 Whereas, the United States government should take immediate action to  
25 reimburse border states such as Arizona for expenses they have incurred as a  
26 result of the federal government's lax enforcement and failed policies  
27 relating to illegal immigration.

28 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
29 Representatives concurring, prays:

30 1. That the Congress of the United States adopt, and the United States  
31 Department of Homeland Security support, legislation that pledges immediate  
32 resources to Arizona to help offset the enormous costs imposed on it as a  
33 result of the federal government's failure to control illegal immigration  
34 along the United States-Mexico border.

35 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy  
36 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
37 the United States House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the  
38 State of Arizona and the Secretary of the United States Department of  
39 Homeland Security.