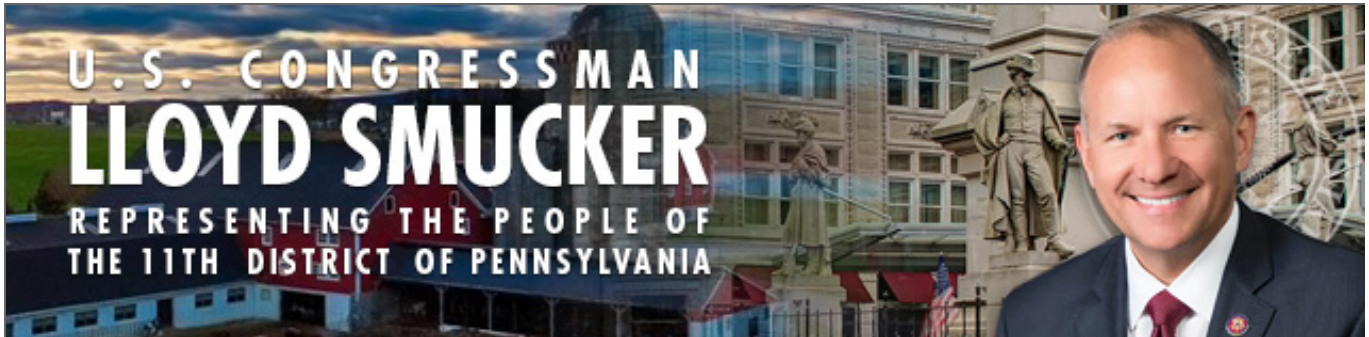


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From: Congressman Lloyd Smucker
To: Pflingston, Chaston

News from Representative Smucker



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Dear Chaston,

I am writing to inform you of my efforts in Congress to protect our southern border. With fentanyl deaths at [record highs](#) and illegal border crossings [on the rise](#), immediate action is needed to address this crisis for the sake of our national security. **That is why my Republican colleagues and I impeached Secretary Mayorkas and passed the Secure the Border Act (H.R. 2), which includes a number of measures aimed at stopping illegal activity at our southern border.**








I have visited the border multiple times, and have seen firsthand how the Biden Administration's policies have effectively rendered our borders meaningless. Under Secretary of Homeland Security Mayorkas' policies, the United States suffers from a humanitarian and security crisis at the border—resulting in [unprecedented levels of illegal immigration](#), [spikes in fentanyl trafficking](#) and [fentanyl poisoning deaths](#), and [ten-fold increases](#) in encounters with illegal aliens on Terrorist Screening Databases. Border patrol agents told me how Mexican cartels profit off migrants by extorting them as they try to cross the border into America. These cartels also bring drugs like fentanyl into the U.S. at a time when drug overdoses have reached [record levels](#).






As the Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas should be held responsible for the impact of his policies on the security of our southern border. Members of the United States Cabinet serve at the pleasure of the President but can be impeached by Congress. **The House of Representatives impeached Secretary Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas on February 13, 2024, with my support. He now faces trial by the United States Senate.**

President Biden's immigration policies have failed. By expanding



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unlawful [parole programs](#), creating a new “[juvenile” docket](#) within immigration courts, and [suing](#) the State of Texas over its immigration law, the Biden Administration's mandates have effectively rendered our borders meaningless. It is no wonder that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encountered a record high [2.4 million](#) illegal immigrants last year. This influx of migrants threatens to overwhelm our resources along the southern border, and worsens the ongoing humanitarian crisis occurring there. To read more about the President’s failed border policies, click [here](#).

That is why I voted for the Secure the Border Act (H.R. 2), which passed the House of Representatives on May 11, 2023. H.R. 2 would resume construction of the southern border wall, hire 22,000 Border Patrol officers, upgrade technology along U.S. borders, authorize grants to local police who can assist the federal government in securing the border, and require the Department of Homeland Security to improve the accuracy of criminal records on illegal aliens it encounters. H.R. 2 also allows the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to remove asylees to safe third countries while applying for asylum, ends catch-and-release, criminalizes visa overstays, and strengthens requirements for E-Verify. Rest assured, I am committed to pursuing policies that will secure our southern border and protect all Americans.

As always, if you have any thoughts on these or other issues that are critical to your family, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can call (717) 393-0667 or send an email by visiting smucker.house.gov/contact. You can connect on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) by searching Congressman Smucker and sign up for the [e-Newsletter](#) for the latest updates. It is an honor and privilege to serve you in Congress.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Smucker
Member of Congress

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