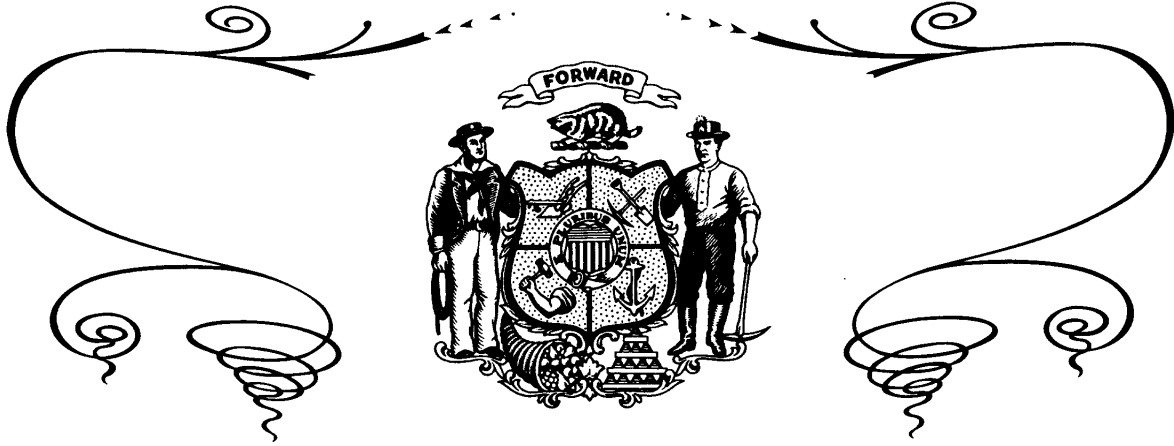


# State of Wisconsin



2023 Senate Joint Resolution 117

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** requesting Governor Tony Evers to send aid and resources to the U.S.–Mexico border to assist with immigration efforts.

Whereas, all members of the Wisconsin State Legislature reaffirm their strong support for lawful and orderly immigration into the United States, as lawful and orderly immigration provides all of our states and the nation with innumerable economic, social, and cultural benefits; and

Whereas, the United States is facing a crisis at the U.S.–Mexico border due to an influx of individuals who are entering the United States illegally; and

Whereas, in December 2023, more than 300,000 migrants were apprehended at the southern border, the highest number in a month ever recorded; and

Whereas, thousands of migrants are traveling through harsh, unsafe elements; being enslaved; and even perishing in their efforts to cross the southern border; and

Whereas, cartels are profiting from the trafficking of women and children across the border, earning tens of millions of dollars every week doing so; and

Whereas, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection is dedicated to enforcing immigration laws and securing the border and is working tirelessly to keep America and the American people safe; and

Whereas, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and local law enforcement agencies are woefully understaffed and overworked due to the unprecedented influx of individuals crossing the border illegally; and

Whereas, states have assisted with immigration enforcement in the past by sending resources and aid, including sending members of the National Guard; and

Whereas, Texas Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Texas National Guard have taken action to secure the border; stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas; and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal activity between ports of entry; and

Whereas, Wisconsin can help address the ongoing immigration crisis and defend our borders by sending aid and resources to assist with immigration efforts; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the Wisconsin State Legislature stands in proud support of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and law enforcement personnel as employees and members of these agencies dedicate their lives to protecting the border and keeping our country safe; and, be it further

**Resolved, That** the Wisconsin State Legislature requests Governor Tony Evers to send aid and resources to the U.S.–Mexico border to assist the U.S. Customs and Border Protection with the influx of individuals crossing the border illegally.

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Chris Kapenga  
President of the Senate

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Date

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