



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 117

February 13, 2024 - Introduced by Senators BRADLEY, CABRAL-GUEVARA, FELZKOWSKI, JACQUE, JAMES, QUINN, STAFSHOLT, TESTIN and KNODL, cosponsored by Representatives MOSES, AUGUST, ARMSTRONG, BEHNKE, BODDEN, CALLAHAN, DONOVAN, EDMING, GOEBEN, GUNDRUM, KRUG, MAGNAFICI, MURPHY, O'CONNOR, PENTERMAN, PLUMER, RETTINGER, SCHMIDT, STEFFEN and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24   (END)