



## SHERIFFS OPPOSE SENATE BORDER BILL

February 6, 2024 – (Washington, DC) – The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) announced its opposition to the recently released Senate immigration legislation.

"We have a crisis at our American Borders which this legislation fails to address," stated NSA President Sheriff Greg Champagne. "The crisis our agencies and communities face at the border and across the Nation is unprecedented."

This legislation would simplify the process of entry at the expense of border security. Security should be the priority. The legislation ignores the political, social, and economic domination of our borders by the cartels which are more powerful than the terrorists who brought down the World Trade Center. This crisis has caused more than 35-times the number of deaths to American citizens in a one-year period than was inflicted upon the United States on 9/11.

The 370-page bill raises serious questions about the changes to existing asylum and parole rules that are vital to every American. It will not deter but embolden unlawful immigration. We support actions that secure the borders, not actions that encourage illegal entry.

The President refuses to acknowledge and exercise his full authority to secure our borders. For example, current law (INA section 212(f)) grants the President and his Administration the authority to control border crossings.

"It is long past time for the President and Congress to take responsibility for the safety and security of the American people," said President Sheriff Champagne.

The National Sheriffs' Association is one of the largest non-profit associations of law enforcement professionals in the United States, representing more than 3,000 elected sheriffs across the nation, and with a total membership of approximately 10,000 individuals. NSA is dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their deputies, and others in the field of law enforcement, public safety, and criminal justice. Throughout its eighty-three-year history, NSA has also served as an information resource for all law enforcement, as well as local, state, and federal government agencies.

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