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Dear Attorney General Henry:

We write to urge you to join several other jurisdictions supporting Texas' legal efforts to maintain its ability to defend itself against foreign threats at the southern border. Operation Lone Star, a joint operation between the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Military Department, was established in 2021 to deter the overwhelming flow of undocumented migrants crossing into the United States from Mexico. While Operation Lone Star should be credited for, in a relatively short span of time, apprehending approximately 500,000 undocumented immigrants and seizing enough Mexican fentanyl to kill the entire population of the United States, additional manpower and resources are urgently needed to stem the tides of unlawful migration, human trafficking, and deadly narcotics trafficking.

Rather than commending Texas' initiative in tackling this threat or providing aid and assistance to Texas and other border states facing a particular burden due to their location, the Biden Administration has instead focused its efforts on frustrating Texas' operations, including through litigation in the Federal courts. At a time when the Federal government has demonstrated an unmistakable aversion to countering this ever-increasing surge in illegal immigration, we encourage you to honor your commitment to upholding the rule of law by supporting Texas' efforts to protect our Union from the existential threat at our southern border. As Pennsylvania's chief law enforcement official, it is within your authority to lend Pennsylvania's assistance to Texas in its legal dispute with the Federal government over its authority to secure the border. We ask you to take any and all available steps to do so.

Since 2021, the number of migrants who have unlawfully crossed our southern border is greater than the individual populations of 38 states. In December of 2023 alone, more than 300,000 undocumented immigrants managed to enter the United States illegally. Predictably, the surge in unlawful migration has played a significant role in several developing crises throughout the United States and this Commonwealth, including the rise in both drug addiction and violent crime. In 2023, the number of overdose deaths exceeded 112,000 in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this figure marks the highest 12-month overdose death total in history. A 2021 report published by the Department of Justice noted that 64% of all federal arrests in 2018 involved non-US citizens although they represented only 7% of the total United States' population at that time.

While we do not doubt that many of the undocumented immigrants entering the United States are merely seeking better lives and opportunities, our country has recently witnessed a number of high-profile, violent crimes committed by undocumented immigrants who have entered our country with

mal-intent. Within the course of several months last year, a Mexican national was arrested by police after being accused of drugging and raping at least 10 boys in Tennessee; a Mexican national was arrested and charged with brutally murdering an entire family of Honduran migrants near Houston, Texas; and six undocumented immigrants – three of whom were members of the violent Central American MS-13 gang – were charged with the murder of a boy in Maryland. In this Commonwealth, a Brazilian national and undocumented immigrant made national headlines after escaping from a prison where he was serving a life sentence for killing his girlfriend in front of her young children and leading police on a colossal manhunt.

Pennsylvania's assistance to Texas in defending its lawful sovereignty to secure the border will send an important message to all Americans that the states, regardless of political leaning or affiliation, remain sovereign entities responsible for the defense of their residents and the security of the country. We hope that you see the urgent need to support Texas in its ongoing endeavors and will commit the resources of your office to doing so.

Sincerely,

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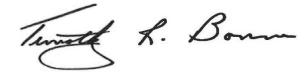
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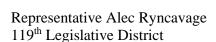
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