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The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart  
Florida's 26<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
374 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom McClintock  
California's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
2256 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Diaz-Balart and Congressman McClintock,

On behalf of the over 2 million members of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC), I am writing in support of H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act of 2023. The US immigration system is deeply flawed and cannot be left unaddressed by Congress much longer. America is experiencing the worst immigration crisis of its time, leaving the border overwhelmed and our state apparatus vulnerable to high-risk security threats. AMAC fully supports the passage of this legislation for its necessary and comprehensive response to the national security and humanitarian crisis at the southern border.

Under the current administration, there have been over 5 million illegal entries along the southern border, a record amount of narcotics entering the US such as fentanyl poisoning, and five out of nine border sectors are unsecured and under considerable strain, according to the Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol, Raul Ortiz. Even more concerning is the reckless neglect of unaccompanied children crossing the border that our country is legally responsible for protecting and caring for but has failed to the highest extent. Investigative reports regarding migrant child labor recently found that the Biden administration has misplaced 85,000 children. This is a humanitarian crisis that we cannot afford to ignore and must come together as a nation to resolve.

The Secure the Border Act of 2023 has two fundamental goals it aims to achieve, secure the US border, and combat illegal immigration. It would require finishing the border wall, better resources for border patrol such as higher pay and technological advancements, more transparency on illegal crossings, and strengthening current laws to protect children.

Thank you, Representative Diaz-Balart and Representative McClintock, for your diligence and hard work in crafting this solution to protect the nation's border and the lives of innocent children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlstrom".

Bob Carlstrom  
President  
AMAC Action