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# H. RES. 1371

Strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2024

Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. LOPEZ, and Mr. BOST) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## RESOLUTION

Strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border.

Whereas, on March 24, 2021, President Biden asked Vice President Kamala Harris to serve as the administration's border czar in charge of: working to address the "root causes" of illegal immigration into the United States;

Whereas it took Vice President Kamala Harris 93 days as the border czar before finally visiting the southern border on June 25, 2021;

Whereas when Vice President Kamala Harris traveled near the southern border for the first time on June 25, 2021,

she decided to travel to El Paso, Texas, 800 miles away from the lower Rio Grande;

Whereas former United States Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz stated that during his two years in the position, “I’ve never had one conversation with the president [Biden] or the vice president [Harris], for that matter. I was the Chief of the Border Patrol, I commanded 21,000 people. That’s a problem.”;

Whereas current United States Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens stated that Vice President Kamala Harris has not spoken with him since he was appointed in July 2023;

Whereas, since Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took office, there have been over 9.7 million illegal immigrant encounters nationwide;

Whereas, since Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took office, there have been over 7.9 million illegal immigrant encounters at the United States southern border;

Whereas, since Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took office, there have been roughly 2 million known gotaways who evaded the United States Border Patrol;

Whereas this number represents more known gotaways than in the previous decade combined;

Whereas, in May 2024, there were 170,723 illegal immigrant encounters at the United States southern border, a 185 percent increase from the average May encounter total under President Trump;

Whereas May 2024 was the 39th straight month where monthly illegal immigrant encounters have been higher than even the highest month seen under President Trump;

Whereas illegal immigrants with violent criminal histories who have murdered innocent Americans like Laken Riley, Jocelyn Nungary, Rachel Morin, and others throughout the United States, pose an existential threat to the safety and security of the American people;

Whereas, in June 2024, NBC News reported that over 50 illegal immigrants with ties to ISIS were on the loose in the United States after having been released by the Biden administration;

Whereas, during the Biden administration, over 350 of these individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watch list were stopped trying to cross the southern border;

Whereas, to date in fiscal year 2024, there have been a record-breaking 31,077 Communist Chinese nationals encountered at the southwest border;

Whereas the Biden border crisis is costing the United States approximately \$150.7 billion each year and each taxpayer \$1,156 each year;

Whereas, in May 2024, the Committee on Homeland Security Republicans released documents showing the Biden administration secretly flew over 400,000 illegal immigrants into the country; and

Whereas President Biden's and Border Czar Harris's far left Democrat open border policies are to blame for this historic crisis, and in August 2022, Biden and his administration decided to make the border crisis significantly worse by formally ending former President Trump's successful Remain in Mexico program: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1           (1) strongly condemns the Biden Administra-  
2           tion and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure  
3           to secure the United States border;

4           (2) affirms that the American people deserve  
5           elected officials who understand the gravity of the  
6           crisis at the border and who will execute the policies  
7           to fix the border crisis; and

8           (3) clearly and firmly states that the continu-  
9           ation of the Biden, Harris border policies would be  
10          disastrous for both the United States and the Amer-  
11          ican people.

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