



2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 123

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AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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 assembly, the senate 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.

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