

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reid,

Last week, the House of Representatives passed a reasonable and responsible immigration bill to secure our borders, end President Obama's executive amnesty and close loopholes that allow the President to disregard laws he is bound to uphold. The crisis at our southern border is too big a problem for the Senate to ignore, and we urge you to call the Senate back into session. The House recognized that doing nothing while our country remains unsecured is not an option, and we hope that the Senate will as well.

The House-passed legislation provides for both the immediate financial needs of agencies like U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and also addresses the policies that have served as a magnet for illegals to arrive at our southern border expecting to be granted amnesty or asylum. We know that many (but not all) of these illegals are, in fact, paying organizations to smuggle them through Mexico to our borders and are not being trafficked. We also know that while some of these unaccompanied alien children (UAC) may be escaping violence and crime in their home country, many actually assume they will be reunited with family who may also be illegally in the United States or will come at a later date.

Louisiana is one of the most diverse states in America, and we welcome legal immigration but do not support the federal government secretly attempting to place illegals all over the country, including in our state. Last week, it was reported that there are more than 3,000 cases where illegal immigrants have been placed with sponsors or in other shelters throughout Louisiana. In fact, military bases and other facilities around Louisiana have recently been contacted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to house UACs.

It is disappointing that the Senate has chosen to adjourn for the next five weeks without passing a bill to address this crisis. This problem will not go away on its own. The Senate must act to secure our borders and support our men and women charged with enforcing our country's immigration laws.

Again, we urge you as Majority Leader to call the Senate back in to session and either bring up the House-passed legislation or begin working on a sensible alternative to solve the

crisis at our borders. It's the humane thing to do; it's the right thing to do. It's what the American people elect their representatives to do.

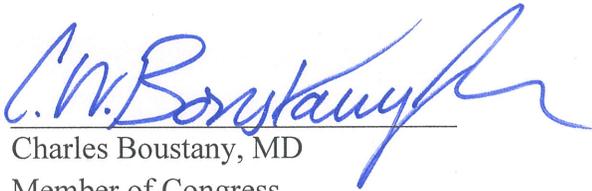
Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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cc: U.S. Senator David Vitter
U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu