

Open Letter from Texas Republican Legislators

To:

Senator Juan Carlos Loera De la Rosa
President, Committee on Northern Border Affairs
Senate of the Republic of Mexico

Senator,

We have received your July 13, 2026 letter addressed to Republican legislators in Texas and other border states. Its timing, substance, and selective omissions leave little doubt about its purpose. During a critical election year in Texas, your correspondence reads less like an invitation to cooperation and more like an attempt to inject the political priorities of a foreign government into the domestic affairs of the State of Texas.

Let us begin by correcting the premise of your letter.

The individuals unlawfully crossing into Texas are not “migrants.” They are illegal aliens who knowingly violate the laws of both the United States and the State of Texas. Every sovereign nation has both the right and the obligation to determine who may enter its territory. Enforcing those laws is neither immoral nor incompatible with human dignity. It is the foundation of national sovereignty.

Your assertion that “the dignity and the life of every migrant must take precedence over any enforcement measure” fundamentally misunderstands the duty of elected officials in Texas. Our first obligation is to protect the lives, liberties, property, and constitutional rights of the citizens we were elected to serve. The dignity and security of Texans will always come before the demands of those who choose to violate our laws.

Texas owes no apology for defending its border.

We also reject any suggestion that Texas should receive lectures on border security from a government that has allowed powerful criminal cartels to dominate vast regions of its territory. These organizations operate sophisticated human smuggling, sex trafficking, extortion, kidnapping, and narcotics enterprises that have fueled one of the greatest humanitarian and public safety crises in modern history. Abandoning meaningful border enforcement would not save lives. It would guarantee that the cartels acquire more victims, more profits, and more power.

Before requesting legislative collaboration, your government should first demonstrate effective control over its own territory.

Your letter also omits several realities Texans confront every day:

- Texas Department of Public Safety reports that from 2011 through mid-2026, more than 335,000 known illegal aliens were booked into Texas county jails, facing more than 601,000 criminal charges, including over 1,100 homicide charges, along with thousands involving sexual assault, narcotics, robbery, and other violent offenses. These figures do not include the many additional illegal aliens whose immigration status was not identified or reported to DPS.
- Texas taxpayers spend tens of billions of dollars annually providing education, healthcare, law enforcement, judicial services, and incarceration associated with unlawful immigration. Most of these individuals traveled through Mexico to get here.
- Mexican criminal cartels generate billions of dollars each year through human smuggling and trafficking operations that systematically exploit women, children, and vulnerable migrants while flooding American communities with fentanyl and other deadly narcotics.
- The economic consequences extend far beyond law enforcement, placing additional pressure on housing, healthcare systems, public infrastructure, schools, and working families throughout Texas.

These burdens are not theoretical. They are borne daily by Texas taxpayers.

History also matters.

Texas secured its independence from Mexico in 1836 through extraordinary sacrifice at the Alamo, Goliad, San Jacinto, and countless other battles fought by men and women determined to govern themselves. Texas existed as an independent republic before joining the United States.

That history is neither forgotten nor diminished.

Accordingly, **we will not accept border policy instruction from officials in Mexico City.** Decisions regarding the defense of Texas will be made by Texans and Americans alone.

If Mexico sincerely seeks partnership, meaningful cooperation begins with actions rather than rhetoric:

- Secure Mexico's southern and northern borders
- Eliminate the cartel infrastructure that profits from human trafficking and narcotics
- Prevent criminal organizations from operating with impunity within Mexican territory

- Cooperate fully in disrupting transnational criminal enterprises instead of shifting the consequences of failed governance onto neighboring jurisdictions

Those steps would demonstrate a genuine commitment to shared security.

Texas remains willing to work with neighboring nations on lawful trade, legitimate security cooperation, and mutual respect between sovereign governments. Such cooperation, however, cannot begin with demands that Texas subordinate the rule of law or the interests of its citizens to individuals who entered our state illegally.

We will continue enforcing our laws.

We will continue defending our communities.

We will continue placing Texans first.

Texas remains committed to secure borders, constitutional government, and the sovereign right of every nation to enforce its immigration laws without interference from foreign governments.

Texas First. Texas Forever.

Signed,

Members of the Texas House of Representatives



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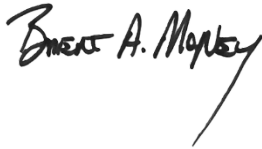
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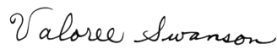
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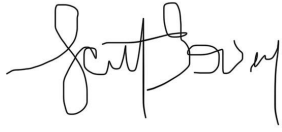


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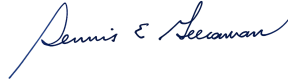


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