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Maine Senate & House Republican Legislators Issue Joint Statement Supporting Texas' Constitutional Right To Defend its Borders

AUGUSTA, ME – Maine State Republican legislators issued the following Joint Statement supporting the State of Texas' constitutional right to defend its borders. The statement follows the Biden Administration's absolute refusal to address the immigration crisis they are themselves generating at our southern border and their subsequent legal attacks on the State of Texas.

"The Biden Administration is purposefully jeopardizing our national security and economic and public safety by its outright refusal to enforce our southern border. This extraordinarily dangerous action is allowing millions of illegal immigrants, poisonous drugs and human traffickers to flow into our country.

Alarmingly, the U.S Government estimates that 27.6 million people are subjected to human trafficking globally, including cases of human trafficking reported in every U.S. state and territory.

Every single Maine town and city is experiencing the disastrous impact of the drug cartels' efforts to smuggle poisonous drugs like fentanyl into our communities. Maine families are losing loved ones from overdoses; and the Biden Administration's border policy is clearly complicit in their deaths.

The State of Texas rightfully noted that Article 4, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution guarantees every State in the Union that the U.S. Government shall protect them against invasion. The Biden Administration is clearly abdicating its constitutional duty and placing Americans at substantial risk.

As a northern border state, we Republicans of the Maine State Legislature understand how crucial it is to maintain the integrity of our sovereign border and the rule of law. Therefore, we stand with the State of Texas in their constitutional battle with the Federal Government and call on the Biden Administration to start protecting the integrity of our southern border."

Signatories include: Senate Republican Leader Harold "Trey" Stewart, House Republican Leader Billy Bob Faulkingham, Assistant Senate Republican Leader Lisa Keim, Assistant House Republican Leader Amy Arata, State Senator Rick Bennett, State Senator Russell Black, State Senator Eric Brakey, State Senator Brad Farrin, State Senator Stacey Guerin, State Senator Matt Harrington, State Senator James Libby, State Senator Peter Lyford, State Senator Marianne Moore, State Senator Matt Pouliot, State Senator Jeff Timberlake, State Representative Jeffrey Adams, State Representative Roger Albert, State Representative John Andrews, State Representative Donald Ardell, State Representative Mark Babin, State Representative Barbara Bagshaw, State Representative Mark Blier, State Representative David Boyer, State Representative Richard Bradstreet, State Representative Richard Campbell, State Representative Nathan Carlow, State Representative Meldon Carmichael, State Representative Amanda Collamore, State Representative Danny Costain, State Representative Dean Cray, State Representative Scott Cyrway, State Representative Kenneth Davis, State Representative Gary Drinkwater, State Representative Jack Ducharme, State Representative Larry Dunphy, State Representative Steve Foster, State Representative Anne Fredericks, State Representative Joseph Galletta, State Representative Irene Gifford, State Representative Randall Greenwood, State Representative Abigail Griffin, State Representative Timothy Guerrette, State Representative David Haggan, State Representative Randall Hall, State Representative Rachel Henderson, State Representative Benjamin Hymes, State Representative Caldwell Jackson, State Representative Kathy Javner, State Representative Lucas Lanigan, State Representative Tom Lavigne, State Representative Michael Lemelin, State Representative Laurel Libby, State Representative Sheila Lyman, State Representative Rick Mason, State Representative Sawin Millett, State Representative Joshua Morris, State Representative Caleb Ness, State Representative Daniel Newman, State Representative Robert Nutting, State Representative Wayne Parry, State Representative Reagan Paul, State Representative Chad Perkins, State Representative Jennifer Poirier, State Representative Edward Polewarczyk, State Representative Kimberly Pomerleau, State Representative Tracy Quint, State Representative Shelley Rudnicki, State Representative Heidi Sampson, State Representative Tammy Schmersal-Burgess, State Representative Abden Simmons, State Representative Katrina Smith, State Representative Mike Soboleski, State Representative Tiffany Strout, State Representative Austin Theriault, State Representative Gregory Swallow, State Representative Jim Thorne, State Representative Joseph Underwood, State Representative Mark Walker, State Representative James White, State Representative Steve Wood, & State Representative David Woodsome.