

The Heritage Foundation's Border Security and Immigration Center-Lora Ries-Support Statement

"We applaud the work of Chairman Arrington and the entire House Budget Committee for underscoring the imperative need for Congress to end the Biden Border Crisis once and for all. While the upper chamber continues to pursue inadequate solutions, the House has already passed a historic measure to truly secure the border and strengthen our laws.

"The Secure the Border Act (H.R. 2) would close loopholes used for asylum fraud, fortify border security by ending "catch-and-release," end the illegal use of mass parole, expand penalties for visa overstays, reduce incentives for illegal immigration by mandating nationwide E-Verify, and close longstanding loopholes in the processing of both accompanied and unaccompanied alien children. The bill also resumes construction of the border wall, provides essential support for CBP, and prohibits the Biden administration's reliance on non-governmental organizations to process and transport illegal aliens into American communities.

"Passage of this bill was a firm display of leadership from House Republicans, providing a stark contrast to those who are still seeking to worsen, not end the worst border crisis in American history. H.R. 2 remains the only proper policy solution as this budget blueprint outlines with unwavering conviction."

-Lora Ries