



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 117**

February 20, 2024 - Offered by Senators PFAFF, AGARD, HESSELBEIN, CARPENTER, L. JOHNSON, LARSON, ROYS, SMITH, SPREITZER and WIRCH.

1 **Relating to:** expressing support for federal bipartisan legislation to secure the
2 southern border.

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 the influx of individuals who are entering the United States without documentation;
9 and

10 Whereas, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection is understaffed and
11 overworked due to the increase in individuals crossing the border; and

12 Whereas, for months, U.S. senators from both parties worked together in good
13 faith to craft a bipartisan agreement to secure our southern border, invest in border

1 security, disrupt the flow of deadly fentanyl into our country, and streamline our
2 nation's asylum process; and

3 Whereas, the bipartisan agreement would ensure communities in Wisconsin
4 receiving migrants would have the resources they need; and

5 Whereas, the bipartisan agreement was endorsed by the National Border
6 Patrol Council, the organization that represents approximately 18,000 border patrol
7 agents and personnel charged with enforcing our country's border security policies;
8 and

9 Whereas, members of Congress from both parties, including Republican
10 leadership in the U.S. Senate, approved of the negotiations and bipartisan
11 legislation to secure the border and invest in border security; and

12 Whereas, this bipartisan compromise to invest in border security and provide
13 needed resources to the border patrol was suddenly opposed by politicians who
14 previously showed support for a bipartisan solution to secure the southern border;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
17 State Legislature expresses support for bipartisan legislation in Congress to secure
18 the southern border, keep fentanyl out of our communities, and fix our asylum
19 system; and, be it further

20 ***Resolved, That*** the Wisconsin State Legislature expresses support for
21 Congress to immediately stop putting politics before solutions and pass a bipartisan
22 border security bill to assist the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and keep
23 communities in Wisconsin safe.

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