

## **RPNM** Demands Governor Take Action to Secure NM's Southern Border

**APRIL 11**—The Republican Party of New Mexico strongly supports the state Senate Republican Caucus in their <u>call</u> for Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to prioritize border security should she convene a Special Session under the pretext of "public safety." This appeal arises in response to recent events that highlight an escalation of the crisis at New Mexico's Southern border, driven by increased border reinforcements from neighboring states.

This letter illustrates the most recent effort in a sequence of Republican attempts urging the Governor to address the worsening crisis at the Southern border that both she and the Democratic legislature in New Mexico have chosen to ignore and neglect, even until now.

Here are some of the most recent news reports surrounding NM's Southern border:

- New Mexico seeing 'surge of evaders' as migrant crisis shifts from Texas— <u>https://youtu.be/bzdjRlilyrM?feature=shared</u> "New Mexico has been seeing a surge of invaders, particularly adult men looking to sneak into the country...they are arresting hundreds of these single adults in New Mexico day in and day out."
- Exclusive Fox video shows illegal immigrants, smugglers swarming New Mexico hotspot: 'It's theirs'—<u>Exclusive Fox video shows illegal immigrants, smugglers</u> <u>swarming New Mexico hotspot: 'It's theirs' (msn.com)</u> "video from the southern border shows a flood of illegal migrant activity in New Mexico, while elsewhere along the border agents are catching sex offenders and other criminals attempting to enter the United States. One Border Patrol agent told Fox, Border Patrol has lost control of nearby Mt. Cristo Rey to human smugglers, "It's not ours. ... It's theirs,"

"The Republican Party of New Mexico demands Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham take decisive action to halt the inflow of fentanyl, human trafficking, and other illicit activities perpetrated by the cartel who are exploiting the vulnerabilities of our weak border," said RPNM Chairman Steve Pearce.

"If the Governor is truly concerned with public safety, she will prioritize border security in any future Special Session. Governor Lujan Grisham must put aside her far-left politics and recognize that the Democratic Party's open-border stance does not serve the best interests of New Mexicans."