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THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS

TO: The Mayor

FROM: Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director

This Wednesday, the U.S. Senate failed to advance a bipartisan national security supplemental bill, which included compromise legislation to help stabilize border security, address the humanitarian crisis, and provide support for cities that have seen rising numbers of asylum seekers. The U.S. Conference of Mayors has long called on Congress to fix our broken immigration system. While we welcome migrants and asylum seekers to our cities, we need more help to provide them food, housing, essential services, and access to employment. Mayors across the country are struggling to provide support.

We are disappointed that this bill failed to pass through the Senate. Throughout the week, we were actively working with Administration officials and calling on Congress to act. We appreciate **Mayor John Giles**, Chair of our Immigration Task Force, **Mayor Todd Gloria**, Vice Chair for Border Policy of our Criminal and Social Justice Standing Committee, and **Mayor Ron Nirenberg**, Chair of our Mayors and Business Leaders Center for Compassionate and Equitable Cities, for leading the charge on these efforts. On Tuesday, I sent a [letter](#) to all 100 U.S. senators urging them to swiftly pass the bill.

Bipartisan compromise is the only way to get things done in Washington, and cities will bear the brunt of Congress' failure to act. Below please find a summary of our work this week, and I leave you with a poignant quote from **Senator James Lankford** of Oklahoma, one of the Republican authors of this legislation:

*"We need a change in law — I understand we have differences, **but we've got to sit down together to figure out how we will solve this problem** because the American people sent us here to do that. What I hear from most Oklahomans is, 'Do something. Don't just sit there, do something — make progress but don't allow this to keep going. Stop it where you can.' So that's what we worked to do."*

Statements and Letters

- [U.S. Conference of Mayors Denounces Defeat of National Security Package](#)
 - [In New Letter to U.S. Senate, U.S. Conference of Mayors Urges Swift Passage of Border Security and Supplemental Funding Package](#)
 - [U.S. Conference of Mayors Calls on Congress to Pass Border Security and Supplemental Funding Package](#)
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In the News

MSNBC | **Nirenberg: Failed congressional border deal is ‘a political crisis,’ ‘worse than doing nothing’** — *Andrea Mitchell is joined by Mayor John Giles of Mesa, Arizona and Mayor Ron Nirenberg of San Antonio to discuss the need for additional border funding...*



NPR | **Immigration bill falters as border communities deal with the flood of migrants** — *NPR's Michel Martin talks to Republican Mayor John Giles of Mesa, Ariz., about the Senate border measure...*



Washington Post: Breaking News | **U.S. Conference of Mayors urges Congress to pass border deal** — *U.S. Conference of Mayors CEO Tom Cochran sent a letter to every member of the Senate on Tuesday, urging them to pass the bipartisan border deal...*



Route Fifty | **Border deal dies in the U.S. Senate, despite pleas from mayors** — *State and local leaders called for Congress to pass the proposal, but Republican Senators acknowledged it did not have enough support after House Speaker Mike Johnson declared it “DEAD on arrival.”...*



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