

CHAIRMAN'S TOPLINE:

- Thanks to President Trump's border policies, the immediate crisis has been brought under control. Border Patrol **apprehensions at the Southwest border dropped from 117,905 in May 2024 to just 8,725 this last May—a 93-percent decrease.**
- Would-be border crossers know that under President Trump and his administration, America's borders are secure, our laws are being enforced, and those who break the law will be removed.
- However, the long-term damage caused by the Biden-Harris-Mayorkas border crisis will take years to fully address and that is why we need the "One Big, Beautiful Bill Act" (OBBBA)—to ensure that the crisis cannot happen ever again.
- OBBBA provides the necessary **resources to ensure our border stays secure for decades**, it bolsters federal law enforcement agencies like ICE and CBP, and **empowers DHS' authority to enforce long-standing U.S. immigration laws** cast aside by Biden-Harris.
- Chairman Green proudly supports the OBBBA, and applauds Speaker Johnson, Leader Scalise, Whip Emmer, and all the Committees for their strong leadership in **uniting a narrow House GOP majority together to advance President Trump's America First agenda**.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- <u>Completing the Border Barrier System</u>: OBBBA allocates more than \$46 billion to construct and finish the border barrier system, including **701 miles of primary wall, 900** miles of river barriers and 629 miles of secondary barriers, and replace 141 miles of vehicle and pedestrian barriers.
 - Recent polling shows that a majority of Americans support building more border barrier system, and one internal poll of Border Patrol agents themselves found that 89% support border wall *"in strategic locations."*
- <u>Reinvigorating and Rebuilding the CBP Workforce</u>: OBBBA investments include rebuilding a CBP workforce decimated by the Biden-Harris administration by funding:



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 3,000 new Border Patrol agents, 5,000 new Customs and Border Protection officers (CBPO), 200 new Air and Marine Operations (AMO) agents, and 290 support staff.
 - In 2023, Brandon Judd, former National Border Patrol Council president, testified to the Committee, *"I've never seen the morale lower in the Border Patrol than what it is today."*
 - According to the Washington Examiner last year, *"Twice as many [Border Patrol] agents have chosen to retire early compared to retirement rates during the Obama and Trump administrations."*
- Investing in Cutting-Edge Border Technology: As our adversaries seek to exploit our sovereign borders, it is essential that we make strategic investments in the necessary border-security technology to counter the threats. OBBBA includes more than \$6 billion to help CBP interdict more fentanyl, deploy more border-surveillance technology, enhance AMO's surveillance capabilities, and increase CBP's use of the biometric entry and exit system.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES:

- The Senate text is largely consistent with the legislation produced by the House.
- It increases the funding for CBP fleet vehicles from \$813 million to \$855 million.
- It reduces funding for technology investments from approximately \$6.2 billion to \$6.168 billion.
- The Senate text **doesn't include the Paralympics** in the House's funding for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics.
- It doesn't include the House's \$600 million for CBP workforce recruitment/applicant sourcing.
- The Senate text also **includes \$10 billion as a sort of "general fund" to be used for other border security expenses.** It is vital that this money is not available for abuse by potential future Democrat administrations.