



To Members of the United States Congress:

We write to you not as politicians or pundits, but as parents—mothers and fathers who have buried our children because the United States government failed to secure its border.

Every single one of us is living with a permanent hole in our lives because an illegal immigrant, who never should have been in this country, was allowed to stay and take an innocent life. These were preventable tragedies. And yet, year after year, Washington offers excuses instead of solutions. That must end now.

The “One Big Beautiful Bill” is not just another piece of legislation—it’s a lifeline. It is a long-overdue step toward restoring the rule of law, prioritizing public safety, and finally putting American families ahead of politics. We strongly support the bill’s provisions that:

- Finishes over 1,700 miles of border infrastructure to seal entry points exploited by cartels and criminals.
- Adds thousands of new Border Patrol agents with retention bonuses to secure dangerous corridors.
- Funds at least 1 million annual deportations and 10,000 new ICE officers to remove criminal aliens.
- Expands detention to 100,000 beds, ending catch-and-release for good.
- Funds Remain in Mexico and fast-tracks removals with more immigration judges and attorneys.
- Screens unaccompanied minors for gang ties and enforces permanent cost-recovery through immigration fees.

We especially thank President Trump and Speaker Johnson for championing this effort and standing with the families who have suffered the ultimate loss. For too long, Angel Families have been ignored, dismissed, or labeled as political props. This coalition is our voice—and this bill is our moment.

There can be no justice for our children, but there *can* be accountability. There *can* be action. And there *must* be change.

We urge every member of Congress to support the “One Big Beautiful Bill” and vote to secure the border, protect our communities, and prevent the next American family from living our nightmare.

**Signed,**

Angel Families of *The American Border Story*



Angel Mom Alexis Nungaray

Patty Morin

Angel Mom Mary Ann  
Mendoza

Angel Sister McKenna  
Mendoza

Jared Mendoza

Raymond Mendoza

Melanie Mendoza

Angie Morfin

Lupe Morfin Moreno

Angel Mom Agnes Gibboney

Baylee King

Madison King

Kylie Mendoza

Angel Dad Christopher  
Odette

Angel Mom Arlene Cohen

Angel Mom Wendy Corcoran

Angel Mom Kiyan Michael

Angel Wife Marla Wolffe

Angel Mom Melanie Kortlang

Angel Sister Chris Storie

Angel Mom Vickie  
Schermock Lyon

Angel Son Brandon  
Schermock

Angel Brother Jody Jones

Angel Mom Maria Herrera  
Vega

Angel Dad Javier Vega

Angel Mom Michelle Root

Angel Dad Scott Root

Angel Cousin Dee Engle

Bonnie Eggle

Bob Eggle

Cindy Inman

Cathy Inman

Billy Inman

Chris Stansberry

Kimberly Stansberry

Bobby Michael

Josephine Terry

Kent Terry

Michelle Terry

Kelly Terry

Angel Mom Judy Zieto

Angel Dad Steve Ronnebeck

Angel Grandma Laura  
Basurto

Angel Grandpa Fernando  
Basurto

Cheryl Ward-Kaiser

Esther Vargas

Fernando Vargas

Elizabeth Vargas

Crystal Vargas

Angel Grandson Jacob  
Becerra

John Phillips

Allyson Phillips

Lauren Phillips

Alena Maldonado

Victoria Maldonado

Betty Maldonado

Darlene Lightfoot

Boni Driskill

Briana Cerna

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