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Joint statement in support of President Trump's immigration policies:

As chief law enforcement and chief legal officers in our States, we Republican attorneys general are grateful that President Donald J. Trump will restore the rule of law by securing the border and ending the disastrous Biden Administration policies that caused a historic surge of illegal immigration into our country.

The Biden Administration took dozens of executive actions that weakened border controls and sanctioned illegal immigration from around the world. Republican attorneys general fought back by taking the Biden Administration to court for ending successful Trump Administration immigration policies and replacing them with new policies that violated the law and encouraged illegal immigration. The Republican attorneys general prevailed in virtually every one of these lawsuits. For example, in the most recent lawsuit led by Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach, Republican attorneys general won a federal district court injunction to stop the Biden Administration from providing Obamacare benefits to illegal aliens in the DACA program.

President Trump's America First immigration policies resulted in record-low illegal immigration during his first term. As evidenced by his historic victory last month, Americans rightly believe that President Trump will once again keep our borders secure and restore the rule of law in immigration.

We look forward to returning to the successful America First policies that protected our country during the first Trump Administration. We are grateful that President Trump will reinstate the "Remain in Mexico" policy, which Congress authorized nearly thirty years ago<sup>1</sup> (8 U.S.C. § 1225(b)(2)(C)) to prevent the very catastrophe we are currently witnessing at our southern border—perpetual waves of illegal aliens overwhelming our immigration system and threatening our national security; and we support his plan to "end the illegal immigration crisis by closing our border and finishing the wall."<sup>2</sup> We support President Trump's commitments to end the abuse of immigration parole and to issue an urgently needed executive order to stop federal agencies from

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<sup>1</sup> See Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, P.L. 104-208, Div. C, 110 Stat. 3009 (1996).

<sup>2</sup> Donald J. Trump, Remarks at the 2024 Republican National Convention (July 19, 2024) (transcript available at <https://www.cnn.com/2020/08/28/politics/donald-trump-speech-transcript/index.html>).

granting birthright citizenship.<sup>3</sup> As he promised to do at the end of his first term,<sup>4</sup> we trust that President Trump will fully rescind the unlawful DACA programs. President Trump's first administration also used<sup>5</sup> Section 287(g) agreements to deputize state and local law enforcement agencies to enforce our immigration laws, and we are confident that many officials in our states are ready to collaborate with the Trump administration on these efforts.

Republican attorneys general will support President Trump as he restores the rule of law to our immigration system. We will work with President Trump to secure the border, end failed Biden Administration immigration policies, and effect the largest deportation in U.S. history. We will stand with President Trump as he makes America safe again.

Sincerely,



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<sup>3</sup> See Agenda47: Day One Executive Order Ending Citizenship for Children of Illegals and Outlawing Birth Tourism, May 30, 2023, <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/agenda47/agenda47-day-one-executive-order-ending-citizenship-for-children-of-illegals-and-outlawing-birth-tourism>.

<sup>4</sup> Donald J. Trump, June 19, 2020, X.com, <https://x.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1273967323901317120?s=20>

<sup>5</sup> See Executive Order No. 13,768, 82 Fed. Reg. 8799 (2017), available at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/30/2017-02102/enhancing-public-safety-in-the-interior-of-the-united-states>



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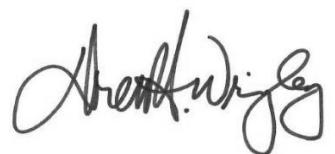
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