



April 21, 2021

The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey, Governor
State of Arizona
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Your Mobilization of Arizona National Guard on the Border

Dear Governor Ducey:

We appreciate your efforts to provide assistance to border counties regarding the intermittent, unpredictable and sporadic release of asylum seekers by the federal agencies involved in border activities specifically including the Border Patrol. Border Counties have been subjected to this not well planned release of asylum seekers in our border communities. These releases have caused border counties to incur unanticipated expenses related to transportation services from the location of releases specifically in smaller border communities within our counties. These smaller communities do not have adequate transportation services which then requires the county to make arrangements for transportation to transitional shelters and larger urban communities. Unfortunately border counties have been left to make these arrangements on their own without any assistance from the federal government or the state.

We are disappointed that you failed to consult with the various Boards of Supervisors of each border county on this matter. If asked, we would have requested assistance for transportation services specifically buses and drivers to provide those transportation services that we are now left to arrange on our own.

Based on our experience, the Arizona National Guard is not needed for security or providing those tasks required of the federal government. We would ask you to reconsider this matter and provide immediate transportation services for asylum seekers that are released into the smaller communities of our border counties so that these individuals can be safely transported to transitional shelters operated largely by our faith based communities.

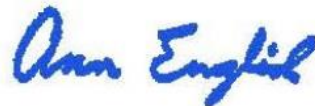
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Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Teresa Bravo at (520)724-2005 or to teresa.bravo@pima.gov.

Sincerely,



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