



May 4, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granter
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request that you consider advancing immigration-related supplemental appropriations funding. With the Title 42 public health emergency set to expire on May 11th, Congress must come together on a bipartisan basis to provide much-needed resources should there be a significant increase in migration at the southern border.

As you know, the end of Title 42 will mean a return to regular Title 8 immigration proceedings, rather than the public health emergency authorities that have been in place since March of 2020. This would potentially allow undocumented migrants to seek asylum after they have come to the United States and to remain here while their application is processed, consistent with existing immigration law. Analysts and officials anticipate that this expiration may be accompanied by a migration surge.

In my conversations with mayors and county officials representing Arizona's border communities, I have heard serious concerns about their capacity to process migrants and provide humanitarian support. They also made sure to note that, should they see an influx of migrants, they also must continue to provide normal day-to-day services for their permanent residents, such as emergency and sanitation services.

As we transition away from Title 42, counties, municipalities, and community non-profits across border states like Arizona may need additional resources to process, house, feed, and transport larger numbers of migrants. I believe that it is the federal government's responsibility to provide additional support for our border communities.

In addition, our federal agencies may require increased resources and staffing to process migrants, support border communities, secure the border, and continue the daily flow of goods and services through ports of entry. I encourage you to work with the Biden Administration, federal agencies, and House and Senate Leadership of both parties to assess any funding needs beyond the regularly appropriated funding.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I stand ready to work with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruben Gallego". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Ruben Gallego
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

