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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, President Joe Biden's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has reported a significant spike in attempts to smuggle large amounts of fentanyl and illicit fentanyl-containing tablets across the southern border, resulting in higher incidents of fentanyl overdoses and deaths in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, President Biden's Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has confirmed that nearly 1.8 million "gotaways" have entered the United States in recent years, and that a rising number of individuals on the terrorist watchlist have crossed the southern border into the United States; some but not all have been apprehended, and the FBI is actively trying to locate certain individuals from the terrorist watchlist who remain in this country and pose a serious threat to national security; and

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WHEREAS, The influx of migrants into the United States has led to over 35,000 of those who crossed the U.S. southern border coming to the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Historical data shows that most migrants who enter the United States as asylum seekers will be denied asylum and will not be granted lawful permanent status in our

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1 country; and

2 WHEREAS, The migrants in Illinois have placed tremendous  
3 pressures on the Illinois Department of Human Services' budget  
4 and other budget areas, leading to a diversion of hundreds of  
5 millions in total state budget funds toward food, housing,  
6 healthcare, and other wraparound services for migrants; and

7 WHEREAS, Comprehensive services for migrants are crowding  
8 out other vital funding priorities for the State of Illinois,  
9 including adequate care and service hours for the  
10 intellectually and developmentally disabled community; and

11 WHEREAS, Illinois' nonpartisan Commission on Government  
12 Forecasting and Accountability recently projected a nearly \$1  
13 billion budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2025; and

14 WHEREAS, Illinois' Healthcare for Immigrant Program, which  
15 provides free healthcare to non-citizens, has ballooned in  
16 scope and cost to a point where it could cost as much as \$1.1  
17 billion during the current fiscal year; and

18 WHEREAS, The flow of migrants into communities across the  
19 State has resulted in increased class sizes in schools, which  
20 adversely affects property taxpayers; and

1           WHEREAS, Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has intentionally  
2 failed to perform his sworn duties by knowingly and  
3 purposefully refusing to enforce immigration and border  
4 control laws passed by the U.S. Congress; and

5           WHEREAS, Through his willful refusal to enforce laws  
6 passed by the Congress and through his support of programs  
7 that violate immigration laws, Secretary Mayorkas has  
8 threatened national security by failing to prevent more than  
9 10 million migrants from coming into the United States,  
10 including many suspected terrorists; and

11           WHEREAS, By refusing to comply with federal immigration  
12 laws, Secretary Mayorkas has also violated the separation of  
13 powers section of the Constitution; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the United  
16 States House of Representatives' action to impeach U.S.  
17 Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas;  
18 and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
20 delivered to the President of the United States, the U.S.  
21 Senate Majority Leader, the U.S. Senate Minority Leader, the  
22 U.S. Speaker of the House, the U.S. House of Representatives

1 Minority Leader, and all members of the Illinois Congressional  
2 Delegation.