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## **Campbell Co-Authors Resolution Demanding Reimbursement for Cost to Texas Taxpayers of Securing Border**

Austin - Today Senator Donna Campbell joined Sen. Craig Estes as a co-author of SCR 6, the Invoicing the Federal Government Act, which urges the United States Congress to reimburse Texas for assuming the financial burden of securing the Texas-Mexico border.

"The federal government has neglected to provide border security for its citizens, leaving Texas taxpayers to pick up the tab to the tune of \$221 million. That's money that could be used to fund other budget priorities critical to Texas," Senator Campbell stated. "Since this is a failure of their constitutional duty, we respectfully demand that the United States Congress reimburse Texas taxpayers."

The U.S. Constitution clearly delegates power to the federal government on matters related to immigration, naturalization, border security, and foreign affairs. However, the federal government's failure to maintain the security of the border has shifted the financial burden to the State of Texas at the expense of other state services.

According to appropriation figures, Texas allocated \$221.6 million of its own funds for border security during the 2012-2013 fiscal biennium. This is the amount SCR 6 seeks to recover from the federal government. Meanwhile, illegal activity along the border remains a constant threat.

"Our border is increasingly being exploited by smugglers, human traffickers, and violent drug cartels. Hopefully an invoice from the people of Texas will get the attention of our Congress and this President that we mean business," Sen. Campbell said.

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