

A Statement from Senator Morgan LaMantia on President Biden's Recent Executive Order

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AUSTIN, TX - Senator Morgan LaMantia (D-Palm Valley) issued the following statement regarding President Biden's most recent executive order on immigration and asylum.

"President Biden's executive order on immigration and asylum is a crucial step in addressing the challenges our community faces along the southern border. While the federal government refuses to pass meaningful, effective immigration reform—our local communities have been overwhelmed in meeting the humanitarian needs of those seeking refuge and safety.

South Texas is much more than a political football to be kicked around during election season, often at the expense of those who are most vulnerable. Our communities have shouldered the responsibility without adequate support for far too long. The need for meaningful reform remains urgent.

I continue to call on our Congressional leaders to take action to pass comprehensive legislation that includes thorough and humane immigration policies with adequate funding so our communities can efficiently process and support those in need while maintaining the integrity and security of our border.

Our path forward must be innovative and collaborative, using technology to enhance border security and improve the asylum system. South Texas understands the complexities and nuances of the border like no one else. Our communities are intertwined, and the border unites us in ways that those far removed from the region may not fully comprehend. We have faced adversity with strength and unity, and we will continue to do so."

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