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Northern Exposure: Assessing the Evolving Threat Landscape at America's Northern Border

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America and Canada share the world's longest non-militarized border in the world, spanning 13 states and eight Canadian provinces. This is thanks to the strong alliance and friendship we have with Canada. They are not only partners in ensuring our national security, but also critical partners in driving our economy. Canadian soldiers and American soldiers fought side-by-side and died side-by-side.

Canada is our second largest trading partner, with bilateral trade over \$870 billion dollars. Over 300,000 individuals cross the Canadian border daily.

When it comes to security at our northern border, it is critical that we work closely with our Canadian partners to combat the threats we face while also facilitating smooth travel and trade. The United States and our Canadian neighbors face a unique threat landscape at the northern border. Arms traffickers, drug mules, human smugglers, and terrorists attempt to cross the northern border daily, coming from both the United States and Canada, and Democrats are committed to upholding a lawful, secure northern border.

What we will not support, however, are immigration enforcement agencies using unnecessarily aggressive tactics and putting American citizens at risk.

Let me repeat, we won't tolerate immigration enforcement trampling on the constitutional rights of American citizens. We also won't support the diversion of resources from national security priorities, criminal investigations, and facilitating trade and travel to immigration enforcement.

What we have seen from ICE and CBP over the past year and a half is dangerous and deadly.

We've watched masked agents roaming American streets harassing American citizens.

We've watched immigration officers and agents stop and ask people for their immigration status based off their skin color, ethnicity, accent, or job they are working.

Back home people ask me if they need to carry their passports and papers with them. Now they ask me if that is even enough, as we see US citizens being detained and arrested even when they prove they are American citizens.

We've seen reports of CBP and ICE using facial recognition technologies to build databases of immigrants and American citizens.

Citizens expressing their first amendment right, the right to free speech, are being tracked and monitored by the federal government if they say something this administration doesn't like.

We've seen this administration give private prison contractors billions of taxpayer dollars to hold detainees in crowded facilities with spoiled food and poor medical care. This again is unacceptable.

We've seen DHS leadership tell agents they don't need a judicial warrant to enter American homes and instead just need an administrative warrant signed by a supervisor. This is a clear violation of the Fourth Amendment of the constitution. ICE and CBP are not above the law.

When entering office, the President of the United States promised that he would go after the "worst of the worst". Instead, this Administration has redirected thousands of law enforcement agents from investigating serious crimes like sex trafficking, child exploitation, terrorism, and drug smuggling to focus on conducting immigration sweeps instead.

And for what? To meet an arbitrary mass deportation target of one million deportations a year.

In an attempt to meet this goal, they pulled thousands of law enforcement agents away from their investigations of serious crimes like child sex trafficking, money laundering, and fentanyl trafficking.

They also pulled officers and agents responsible for securing the northern border away from the border – this is despite the consistent staffing and resource shortages there. Having no training in interior immigration enforcement, these agents were put on the frontlines of immigration sweeps.

Americans are witnessing firsthand the cost of these decisions. Renee Good and Alex Pretti, both U.S. citizens, were shot and killed in Minneapolis while protesting. Marimar Martinez, on her way to donate clothing to her Church, was shot five times by a Border Patrol agent in Chicago. After he shot her, he bragged about it, saying, "I fired five rounds and she had seven holes. Put that in your book, boys."

So, I ask, how is this making our homeland safer? How is this securing our border?

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