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Dear Mr. Moore:

Among the most urgent issues facing our nation today is the flood of illegal aliens coming across our borders. Every state is dealing with a flood of negative impacts from nearly unrestricted immigration. By some estimates, there are over 72,000 illegal aliens in the State of Missouri. I am writing to assure you that you are not alone in the fight to protect our communities.

After all, a number of dangerous actors are taking advantage of our open borders. In recent months we've seen a number of crimes committed by individuals who have no legal right to be in our country. These include the kidnapping of a fourteen-year-old girl from Indiana by five illegal aliens detained by the Missouri Highway Patrol on June 17, 2024, in Macon County¹ and the stabbing of two citizens in the back by an illegal Venezuelan immigrant with a long rap-sheet on March 17, 2024, in O'Fallon.² On March 6, 2024 in Hazelwood, a twelve year-old boy was killed in a car crash involving an illegal alien who was driving 35 miles over the speed limit on the wrong side of the road.³ This list is not exhaustive and sadly, it

¹Fox News. "Illegal Immigrants Charged with Kidnapping Indiana Teen." (June 20, 2024) <https://www.foxnews.com/us/illegal-immigrants-charged-kidnapping-indiana-teen>

²National Review. "Illegal Immigrant Arrested for Stabbing Two at Missouri Laundromat." (March, 19, 2024). <https://www.nationalreview.com/news/illegal-immigrant-arrested-for-stabbing-two-at-missouri-laundromat/>

³NBC 15 News. "Illegal Migrant Charged in Car Crash that Killed Missouri 12-year-old." (March 12, 2024). <https://mynbc15.com/news/nation-world/illegal-migrant-charged-with-manslaughter-for-crash-that-killed-missouri-12-year-old-endrina-bracho-hazelwood-southern-border-migrants-immigrants-mexico-venezuela-death-crime>

will only grow as more illegal aliens are emboldened to enter and, in some cases, commit violent crimes in the Show Me State.

As elected county prosecutors, you are on the front lines of keeping our communities safe each and every day. County budgets are tight. Prosecutorial and law enforcement resources are often stretched thin. I want you to know that the Attorney General's Office stands with you and we are here to help in any way we can.

In particular, and in addition to the crimes outlined above, illegal aliens are subject to arrest for the offenses of Missouri's "Transportation of an illegal alien" or "Illegal reentry" statutes.

Section 577.675, RSMo prohibits transporting an illegal alien for the purpose of trafficking, drug trafficking, prostitution, or employment.
<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=577.675&bid=30044&hl=>

Similarly, Section 577.685, RSMo outlaws illegal reentry into the state of Missouri when an individual "has previously been removed from the United States for offenses listed under 8 U.S.C. Section 1326(b) and thereafter:

- a) Illegally enters the state and commits a misdemeanor offense of assault or domestic assault, or any "dangerous felony" or felony offense.
- b) Commits an offense in any other state that would be considered a misdemeanor offense of assault or domestic assault, or any "dangerous felony" or felony offense, and thereafter enters this state."

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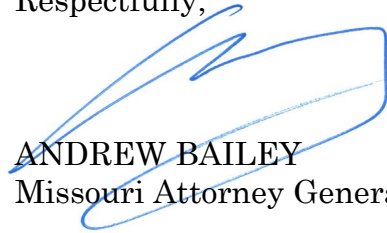
My office also stands ready to offer support through our Countering Human Trafficking Task Force. We know that many victims of trafficking (sex trafficking, labor trafficking, etc.) are victimized by human smugglers who prey on those who have been illegally moved across the border. Some of the resources we can offer to county prosecutors include:

- Prosecution assistance as requested by county prosecutors, provided by Assistant Attorneys General assigned to the Task Force.
- Victim advocacy for children and adults provided by NGO task force partners located throughout the state.
- Demand reduction training and operational support for local law enforcement.

We can also assist with facilitating state resources and analytical support through our state agency partners.

Missourians rightfully expect that we in law enforcement do all we can to protect the safety of our citizens and uphold the laws as written. I know you are on the front lines doing just that despite the lack of support from the federal government, which in many cases turns a blind eye as immigration laws go unenforced. Thank you for all that you do. If there is any way my office can assist you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,



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