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### **President Trump Following Law Declaring An Emergency To End Border Crisis** Oregon GOP Says Crisis Has Gone On For Too Long And Left Too Many Victims

**Wilsonville, OR** – Today, the Oregon Republican Party released this statement reacting to the protests of President Trump's Border Security Emergency declaration.

"It was called a crisis at the border [during the Obama Presidency in 2014](#), and it's an even [bigger crisis](#) now. Since it's a crisis, it is an emergency for a President like Donald Trump who takes seriously his highest duty, which is to protect the sovereignty and security of the American people under the law," stated Oregon Republican Party Communications Director Kevin Hoar.

"President Obama's solution was to make it worse by implementing 'catch and release,' an unconstitutional mass amnesty, which in turn has led to the unrelenting flow of caravans of human smugglers and unaccompanied minors with 80% fake asylum claims. That has precipitated the humanitarian and security crisis at the border we see and hear about every day."

Some facts:

- In the last 2 years, immigration officers have arrested 266,000 criminal aliens.
- Violent gangs like MS-13 have taken advantage of our weak borders.
- Deadly drugs like heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl flow across the border.
  - In 2017, more than 70,000 Americans died of a drug overdose.
- Human traffickers exploit our weak borders.

"The fact is that President Trump shouldn't have had to declare an emergency if Congress had done its job, but they left an Open Border [Crisis](#) for the President to solve - and solve it he will," added Hoar. "[Border barriers work](#) to the tune of 90%+, the Open Borders crowd knows it, and that's what they are afraid of."

"Congress was the one that passed these emergency powers in 1976 for circumstances when existing resources are overwhelmed by the severe circumstances at hand. Presidents have used it 60 times since and most are continually renewed and are still in effect today," noted Hoar. "President Trump is just following that law and fulfilling his sworn duty to protect the American people."

"President Trump has declared a REAL EMERGENCY to combat a REAL CRISIS that has gone on for too long and left too many [Angel Moms and Dads, Opioid and Fentanyl victims, and communities terrorized by MS13](#) in its wake. Thank you, President Trump, for standing up for all these forgotten victims and for doing everything in your power to end the disastrous border crisis once and for all."

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