

# **KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE ACT (S.333)**

Introduced by U.S. Senator Katie Britt (R-Ala.)

## **Background**

The immigration crisis perpetuated by the Biden administration only continues to get worse – recent [stats](#) show that there have been more than 4.5 million illegal immigrant encounters during Biden’s presidency, with over 251,000 in the month of December 2022. This is almost two and half times larger of a “border surge” in December 2020, the last full month of the Trump Presidency. This is the worst crisis at the border [on record](#). Further, the Biden administration has released [more than 1 million](#) illegal immigrants into the U.S. and, pending the outcome of ongoing litigation, chose to release more than 1,100 illegal immigrants with criminal records from detention facilities to make room for the anticipated border surge from the lifting of Title 42.

## **Keep Our Communities Safe Act**

This legislation would close the Obama / Biden “catch-and-release” policy that requires the government to release illegal aliens into the United States’ interior after detaining them for six months, if no other country accepts them for deportation.

The Keep Our Communities Safe Act closes the loophole that prevents the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from detaining illegal immigrants for more than six months when:

- Their release would threaten the safety of the community and the alien either is an aggravated felon or has committed a crime of violence;
- They would be removed in the reasonably foreseeable future;
- They would have been removed if not for the alien’s refusal to make all reasonable efforts to comply and cooperate with DHS efforts to remove them;
- They have a highly contagious disease;
- Their release would have serious adverse foreign policy consequences; or
- Their release would threaten national security.