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*FAIR is a nonprofit public interest organization working to end illegal immigration and to set levels of legal immigration that are consistent with the national interest.*



FEDERATION FOR AMERICAN IMMIGRATION REFORM

Senator Phil Hart  
Idaho Senate  
P.O. Box 83720  
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Dear Senator Hart,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a letter in strong support for House Bill (HB) 464 on behalf of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR). FAIR is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of concerned individuals who believe that our immigration laws must be reformed to serve our nation's interests.

Founded in 1979, FAIR has three million members and supporters nationwide, including over 3,100 in Idaho. FAIR recognizes that the Biden administration has abdicated its statutory duty to secure the border as well as its constitutional obligation to protect the state from the invasion, and thus putting Idaho in imminent danger.

If enacted, HB 464 would allow Idaho's governor to enter an interstate compact with other interested states to secure the border and protect the safety of Idaho's citizens.

Since President Biden took office, there have been 8.8 million encounters at our borders and another 1.8 million "gotaways," who have avoided apprehension. It is estimated that by the time President Biden's term ends, nationwide encounters are on track to reach 11.5 million, not including an additional 2.2 million "gotaways."

FBI Director Christopher Wray recently testified before Congress that he sees 'blinking red lights everywhere [he] turns,' and that 'all the threats are elevated at the same time.' Equally distressing, Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas admitted to Border Patrol Agents that more than 85 percent of the aliens encountered on the southern border are released into the United States.



things which independent states may of right do.” Inherent in the sovereignty of an independent state “and essential to self-preservation” is the power to “forbid the entrance of foreigners within its dominions or to admit them only in such cases and upon such conditions as it may see fit to prescribe.” (*Nishimura Ekiu v. Unites States*)

If the federal government fails to protect Idaho from an invasion, the state retains its inherent authority to enter into compacts with other states to secure the border. For these reasons, FAIR strongly supports HB 464.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shari Rendall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shari Rendall  
Director of State and Local Engagement