President Trump recognizes the great contributions immigrants have made to American society, which is why he supports safe and lawful immigration to the United States. At the same time, President Trump is committed to border security and protecting Americans from the drugs and criminals that have crossed our border.

138,000 illegal immigrants with criminal histories were arrested by ICE last year alone while 5,000 pounds of heroin and nearly 1,800 pounds of fentanyl were seized by Border Patrol agents -- enough fentanyl to kill every man, woman, and child in this country. President Trump has ameliorated the number of illegal border crossings through his successful efforts to get Mexico to step up their immigration enforcement and his demonstrable success in beginning to build a barrier along our southern border.

Finally, President Trump understands that the humanitarian and compassionate way forward is to discourage illegal immigration. Since September, over 1% of Honduras’ population and 1% of Guatemala’s population have crossed our southern border. One-third of women are assaulted on the dangerous journey north while 70% of illegal immigrants are victims of violence and innocent children are being used as pawns by human traffickers. The status quo is unacceptable.

Without the help of Congress, one individual has taken action on immigration: President Trump. His actions are proving successful as Democrats continue to sit on the sidelines categorically rejecting border security and advocating for a dangerous agenda that would lead to open borders and lawlessness.