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Jacey Jetton Border Wall Bill Passes Out of Appropriations

RICHMOND, TX - Representative Jacey Jetton filed House Bill 6 to provide an additional \$1.5 billion in funding for the construction of a border wall. The House Appropriations Committee voted to send this legislation to the full House.

“The Biden Administration’s open-border policies have created a humanitarian and public safety crisis at our southern border,” Jetton said. “While the federal government fails to keep drug cartels, human traffickers, convicted criminals, and dangerous drugs like fentanyl out of our country, Texas will continue to step up to ensure the safety of our communities.”

Jetton’s HB 6 provides critically needed funding for the creation, maintenance, and operation of a border wall along Texas’ southern border. It authorizes the construction of a wall and prioritize the most heavily trafficked areas where the state has acquired the easement from individual property owners. This border wall will direct immigrants to legal points of entry into Texas for processing by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

The additional construction of the border wall will be a key step in supporting law enforcement officers involved with Operation Lone Star, the multi-agency state level effort to secure the southern border despite federal inaction. Law enforcement officers involved with Operation Lone Star have apprehended more than 400,000 illegal immigrants, resulting in thousands of arrests and felony convictions.

The wall remains the most effective option for Texas to prevent the influx of human trafficking, weapons smuggling, and narcotics such as Fentanyl being brought across the southern border. More than 150 people in Texas are killed by fentanyl each day. Governor Abbott reports more than 432 million lethal doses of fentanyl have been seized in the course of Operation Lone Star.

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