



Border Infrastructure and Jobs Act

Nearly 14 million Americans are out of work. Another 8.5 million are working part-time. There are currently five unemployed workers for every job opening. A strong trade relationship with Mexico is critical to creating good middle-class jobs. U.S.-Mexico trade is a lifeline for border states and the nation. Approximately 235,700 jobs in Arizona rely on trade with Mexico. The number is 252,800 in Michigan, 249,000 in Nebraska and 119,000 in Ohio – states that benefit directly from effective transportation and infrastructure at the border.

- Mexico and the United States trade more than \$1 billion in goods each day.
- Twenty-two states count Mexico as the No. 1 or No. 2 export market. Mexico is a top-five partner for 14 more. Nearly 50,000 small and medium-sized U.S. businesses export to Mexico, collectively selling \$41 billion in goods.

Strengthen Cross-Border Trade

Mexico is America's third largest trading partner. **My bill establishes the United States-Mexico Economic Partnership Commission (EPC)** to strengthen border economic development and commerce. It also establishes a Port Security and Trade Facilitation Grant to expand trusted shipper program access to small and medium-sized businesses.

Modernize and Expand Border Infrastructure

Inadequate infrastructure makes businesses less efficient and slows economic recovery. Infrastructure projects create jobs. **My bill fully funds the expansion and modernization projects** at the San Luis I and Douglas ports of entry and **invests in renewable energy retrofits at land ports of entry.** My bill fully funds overdue repairs at the International Outfall Interceptor (IOI) and also invests in border transportation funds aimed at relieving congestion, facilitating trade, and maximizing security.

Adequately Staff Ports of Entry

A recent study by the Arizona Office of Tourism confirmed that Mexican visitors spend more than \$7.3 million per day in Arizona. Border delays hurt our economy. **My bill adds 500 CBP officers to Arizona's land ports of entry and mandates a Southwest Border Strategy for Security and Prosperity,** under which the Secretary of Homeland Security will review CBP's staffing model and make modernizing recommendations.

Invest in Innovation

My bill makes robust investments in a border security technology plan, adapting existing technologies to the distinct terrain and population density of each border region.

Small Business Revitalization

The fastest way to spur economic growth in our border communities is to revitalize our businesses and reemploy our workers so they can use their earnings to put dollars right back into our local economy. **My bill establishes a Border Small Business Revitalization grant program,** which will stimulate employment opportunities and capital investment in border communities. **My bill also creates local jobs by mandating that at least 30 percent of labor for any federal contract or subcontract is performed by local subcontractor.**