



## Boozman Bulletin: Responsible Plan Needed to Strengthen Border Security

Government shutdowns are not helpful and can be avoided when Congress and the president work together. Federal agencies provide services Arkansans and all Americans expect and deserve and I do not believe such a disruption in those services and uncertainty for federal employees is in our nation's best interest. We must use this time to resolve our differences over border security.

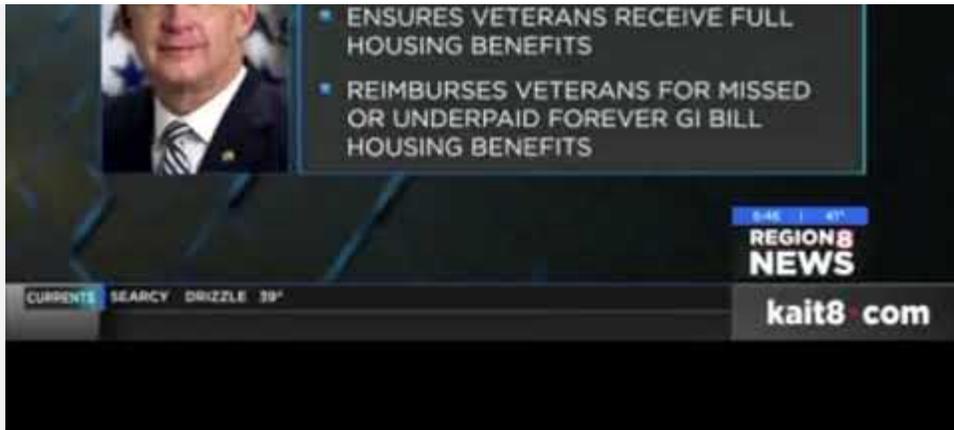
I agree with President Trump's call for more resources to defend our border. We must provide the funds for increased manpower, technology and infrastructure—including roads for access, electronic devices for surveillance and fencing for deterrence. These measures will help reduce the number of illegal immigrants coming across our border in addition to combatting drug and human trafficking. I supported an increase in border funding that Senate Appropriations Committee members approved in a bipartisan manner for Fiscal Year 2019. It's time to act on that.

The president has offered this as a good faith effort to move discussions on additional border funding forward. Speaker Pelosi should follow suit. We need a long-term solution that puts the interests of our nation first. I will continue working with the president and my colleagues from both sides of the aisle on a responsible plan that funds all federal agencies and strengthens border security.

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