

Kirsten Engel said Arizona does not have an immigration crisis and voted against funding to prosecute accused drug traffickers and human smugglers.

BACKUP:

In May 2022, Kirsten Engel said Arizona does not have an immigration crisis:

- **VIDEO: In May 2022, Engel said Arizona does not have an immigration crisis.**  
[ANCHOR] “Kirsten, does Arizona have an immigration crisis?” [ENGEL] “No.” (Arizona PBS, “Arizona Horizon election debates 2022: Democrat candidates for Congressional District 6,” [YouTube](#), 5/18/22, Clip begins at 13:58) ([NRCC YouTube](#), Uploaded 5/19/22)

In 2019, Kirsten Engel voted against a bill that provided more than \$7.1 million in funding to the Border Strike Task Force, including \$500,000 for grants to cities, towns or counties for costs associated with prosecuting and imprisoning individuals charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes:

- While serving in the Arizona State House in 2019, Engel voted against H.B. 2747.

House Third Reading - HB2747							
Action Date		Action		Vote			
05/25/2019		Passed		31-28-1-0-0		Amended	
ANDRADE	NV	EPSTEIN	N	JERMAINE	N	RODRIGUEZ	N
BLANC	N	ESPINOZA	N	LIEBERMAN	N	SALMAN	N
BOLDING	N	FERNANDEZ	N	LONGDON	N	SHAH	N
BUTLER	N	FRIESE	N	MEZA	N	SIERRA	N
CANO	N	GABALDÓN	N	PAWLIK	N	TELLER	N
CHÁVEZ	N	HERNANDEZ A	N	PETEN	N	TERÁN	N
DEGRAZIA	N	HERNANDEZ D	N	POWERS HANNLEY	N	TSOSIE	N
ENGEL	N						

(H.B. 2747, [House Third Reading](#), Passed 31-28-1: R 31-0, D 0-28-1, Engel Voted Nay, 5/25/19)

- H.B. 2747 was an appropriations bill.

**Short Title:** general appropriations act; 2019-2020.

(H.B. 2747, [House Third Reading](#), Passed 31-28-1: R 31-0, D 0-28-1, Engel Voted Nay, 5/25/19)

- The House engrossed version of H.B. 2747 was signed into law.

Transmit to Governor: 05/27/2019  
 Governor Action 05/31/2019 Signed  
 Chapter: 263  
 Chapter Version: House Engrossed

(H.B. 2747, [House Third Reading](#), Passed 31-28-1: R 31-0, D 0-28-1, Engel Voted Nay, 5/25/19)

- The House engrossed version of H.B. 2747 provided more than \$7.1 million in funding to the Border Strike Task Force.

39	Sec. 80. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
40		<u>2019-20</u>
41	FTE positions	2,014.7
42	Operating lump sum appropriation	\$258,613,500
43	ACTIC	1,450,000
44	Border strike task force ongoing	7,102,500

(H.B. 2747, [House Engrossed Version](#), Passed 31-28-1: R 31-0, D 0-28-1, Engel Voted Nay, 5/25/19)

- The House engrossed version of H.B. 2747 included a Border Strike Task Force local support line item of more than \$1.2 million, of which more than \$760,000 would be used to fund local law enforcement officer positions within the Border Strike Task Force.

29 Of the \$1,261,700 appropriated for the border strike task force  
 30 local support line item, \$761,700 shall be used to fund local law  
 31 enforcement officer positions within the border strike task force. Any  
 32 city, town, county or other entity that enters into an agreement with the  
 33 department to participate in the border strike task force shall provide at  
 34 least twenty-five percent of the cost of the services, and the department  
 35 shall provide not more than seventy-five percent of personal services and  
 36 employee-related expenditures for each agreement or contract. The  
 37 department may fund all capital-related equipment.

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 42 immigration and other border-related crimes.

(H.B. 2747, [House Engrossed Version](#), Passed 31-28-1: R 31-0, D 0-28-1, Engel Voted Nay, 5/25/19)

In 2020, Kirsten Engel voted against a bill that provided more than \$7.9 million in funding to the Border Strike Task Force, including \$500,000 for grants to cities, towns or counties for costs associated with prosecuting and imprisoning individuals charged with drug trafficking, human smuggling, illegal immigration and other border-related crimes:

- While serving in the Arizona State House in 2020, Engel voted against S.B. 1692.

House Third Reading - SB1692							
Action Date		Action			Vote		
03/19/2020		Passed			31-29-0-0-0		
ANDRADE	N	EPSTEIN	N	JERMAINE	N	RODRIGUEZ	N
BLANC	N	ESPINOZA	N	LIEBERMAN	N	SALMAN	N
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ENGEL	N						

(S.B. 1692, [House Third Reading](#), Passed 31-29: R 31-0, D 0-29, Engel Voted Nay, 3/19/20)

- S.B. 1692 was an appropriations bill.

Short Title: **general appropriations act; 2020-2021.**

(S.B. 1692, [House Third Reading](#), Passed 31-29: R 31-0, D 0-29, Engel Voted Nay, 3/19/20)

- The Senate engrossed version of S.B. 1692 was signed into law.

Transmit to Governor:	03/23/2020	
Governor Action	03/28/2020	<b>Signed</b>
Chapter:	58	
Chapter Version:	Senate Engrossed	

(S.B. 1692, [House Third Reading](#), Passed 31-29: R 31-0, D 0-29, Engel Voted Nay, 3/19/20)

- The Senate engrossed version of S.B. 1692 provided nearly \$8 million in funding to the Border Strike Task Force.

28	Sec. 76. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	
29		<u>2020-21</u>
30	FTE positions	2,014.7
31	Operating lump sum appropriation	\$275,710,900
32	ACTIC	1,450,000
33	Border strike task force ongoing	7,916,400
34	Border strike task force	
35	local support	1,261,700

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