

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.130

Senator Barrett offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the federal government to extend Title 42
2 to avoid a crisis at the border.

3 Whereas, Former President Donald Trump's administration
4 implemented Title 42 to prevent certain migrants without
5 documentation from entering the United States during a public
6 health emergency such as COVID-19. This law allowed for some
7 vulnerable populations, such as unaccompanied children, to continue
8 seeking refuge in the United States; and

9 Whereas, President Joe Biden's administration plans to end
10 Title 42 restrictions on May 23, 2022. The United States Department
11 of Homeland Security has reported that it expects an estimated
12 18,000 people to cross the southern border each day once these
13 restrictions are lifted. This estimate is an overwhelming increase

1 from March 2022, when an average of 7,000 migrants entered the
2 country every day. Despite unprecedented migration, neither
3 President Biden nor the administration has announced a concrete
4 plan on how to handle a possible surge; and

5 Whereas, Extending Title 42 will delay a possible border
6 crisis until the administration can produce an immigration plan.
7 The extension has bipartisan support in Congress, and recent
8 polling showed that the majority of Americans oppose the lifting of
9 Title 42 restrictions; now, therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the federal government to
11 extend Title 42 to avoid a crisis at the border; and be it further

12 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
13 President of the United States, the President of the United States
14 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
15 the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the
16 Secretary of the United States Department of Homeland Security, and
17 the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.