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### **ICYMI: Kirsten Engel Publishes Op-Ed on Failed Border Deal**

*Engel criticizes Ciscomani and Congressional Republicans for their failure to deliver*

TUCSON — Kirsten Engel, candidate for Arizona’s 6th Congressional District, [published an op-ed](#) criticizing Juan Ciscomani and Congressional Republicans for kowtowing to Trump and fumbling a historic opportunity to alleviate the strain on our southern border.

“For far too long, southern Arizona has shouldered the brunt of our nation’s border crisis,” **expressed Engel**. “We are on the frontlines of this crisis, from protecting our communities from cartel-based violence, to providing humanitarian aid to migrants, to absorbing the devastating impacts of port of entry closures on businesses and families alike. Incredibly, congressional Republicans, including my opponent, Juan Ciscomani, have completely caved to Trump’s desire to keep the crisis alive for political purposes and are now refusing to bring the most significant border legislation introduced in decades to a vote.”

While recognizing that this deal did not deliver much needed reform to our country’s overall immigration system, Engel asserts given the current makeup of Congress, a compromise is necessary. “The deal would fund the desperately needed personnel and equipment to process migrants and stop the flow of fentanyl: additional border patrol agents, immigration judges, asylum officers and cutting-edge inspection machines capable of detecting fentanyl,” **writes Engel**.

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Kirsten Engel is a mom, an environmental attorney, and a former State Legislator who has fought for years to restore funding to public schools, protect Arizona’s natural resources, and make our communities safer. She’s ready to take that fight to Washington to find common-sense solutions to the challenges we’re facing here in Arizona’s Sixth Congressional District.