Who’s Really Funding Border Security?

While Republicans are busy taking selfies at the border and bickering about building a wall, Democrats have been hard at work funding the programs and policies that make our nation safe and ensure that those who enter qualify to do so under US law. Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and the Omnibus Appropriations Bill for 2022, a Democratic Congress has allocated nearly $90 billion to the Department of Homeland Security to protect our borders, enforce our laws, and better prepare us to defend against terrorism and cyber-attacks. Here’s a roadmap for where those crucial funds are being spent.

**Securing Our Borders**

**Infrastructure Improvements at Ports of Entry**

- **$2.3 billion** to improve vehicle and biometric technology screening at ports of entry.
- **$210 million** to repair damaged roads and open entry lanes.
- **$455.4 million** to Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) for equipment and systems improvement.
- **$8.4 billion** to TSA for X-ray screening technology and explosive detection systems.

**Processing Claims Under US Law**

**Speedy Hearings for Asylum Seekers**

- **$430 million** for asylum processing technology, construction projects, and other physical equipment necessary to execute orderly processing of cases.
- **$409.5 million** to alleviate application processing backlog and delays and fund the Citizen and Integration Grant program.
- **$1.45 billion** to support CBP, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and FEMA to manage the influx of migrants at the Southern border.

**Supporting Law Enforcement**

**Expanded Assistance for Border Personnel**

- **$30 million** to CBP for body-worn cameras and video recording equipment.
- **$11 million** in tuition and childcare assistance for those who protect our border.
- **$2.6 billion** to U.S. Secret Service for overtime and retention bonuses, computer forensics training, and investigations of missing and exploited children.

**Preparing for the Future**

**Investments in Modernizing Homeland Security**

- **$430 million** to study the efficacy of new projects and alleviate backlogs.
- **$1.637 billion** for the continued development of the St. Elizabeth’s DHS Headquarters and additional migrant processing centers.