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Border Trade Alliance statement on Executive Order on asylum seekers at U.S.-Mexico border

WASHINGTON – Border Trade Alliance President Ms. Britton Mullen released the following statement regarding the Biden administration Executive Order on the United States-Mexico border:

“The cross-border trade community has been deeply frustrated with the management of the U.S.-Mexico border. Due to an unprecedented influx of asylum-seeking migrants at the southern border, our ports of entry have been subject to closures and service interruptions that have disrupted the flow of legal commerce between the U.S. and Mexico, our country’s no. 1 trading partner.

“The BTA last month led a [coalition](#) of nearly 30 organizations in calling on President Biden and Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador to take decisive action on the border. We wrote:

Thanks to the implementation of USMCA/T-MEC, our two countries are each other’s top trading partners and we have made our shared region the most competitive trading bloc in the world. That lofty standing is in jeopardy unless your administrations take decisive action to mitigate the effects of undocumented migration at and between land border ports of entry.

“As we anticipate the implementation of this Executive Order, we reiterate a point we’ve made several times to the administration: No action should result in the closure of legal ports of entry and the prevention of the timely crossing of shipments between Mexico and the U.S. Doing so will cause costs to spike, put upward pressure on consumer prices, and undermine our region’s competitive standing.”

About the BTA

Since 1986, the BTA has served as a grassroots, non-profit organization that provides a forum for discussion and advocacy on issues pertaining to border development and quality of life and trade in the Americas. A network of public and private sector representatives from the United States, Mexico and Canada, BTA’s core values include a commitment to

improving the quality of life of border communities through trade and commerce. The BTA is online at thebta.org and [@borderalliance](https://twitter.com/borderalliance).

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