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00:00:02,170 --> 00:00:05,540
[Music]

2
00:00:06,000 --> 00:00:07,839
As somebody who spent a lot of time on

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00:00:07,279 --> 00:00:09,200
the border

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00:00:07,839 --> 00:00:11,599
being a border state with the largest

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00:00:09,200 --> 00:00:12,960
border, I know these issues and I see

6
00:00:11,599 --> 00:00:15,759
them every day

7
00:00:12,960 --> 00:00:17,039
and if there is one group benefiting

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00:00:15,759 --> 00:00:19,760
from this

9
00:00:17,039 --> 00:00:21,760
I can tell you who it is.

10
00:00:19,760 --> 00:00:23,119
It's the cartels.

11
00:00:21,760 --> 00:00:24,720
Let me say that one more time, there's

12
00:00:23,119 --> 00:00:28,240
one group benefiting from the policies

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00:00:24,720 --> 00:00:28,240

of the Biden Administration and

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00:00:28,840 --> 00:00:31,840

it is the cartels.

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00:00:41,340 --> 00:00:46,480

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00:00:43,840 --> 00:00:49,600

I stand geographically right

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00:00:46,480 --> 00:00:53,760

between Corpus and Houston

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00:00:49,600 --> 00:00:55,440

on US-59 which is long been corridor

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00:00:53,760 --> 00:00:57,039

into Houston as a number one human

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00:00:55,440 --> 00:01:00,960

trafficking site and

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00:00:57,039 --> 00:01:03,199

hub in our state leading to other states

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00:01:00,960 --> 00:01:03,199

here

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00:01:03,760 --> 00:01:10,960

additionally the county above me

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00:01:07,280 --> 00:01:12,880

in Lavaca County we share a border

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00:01:10,960 --> 00:01:15,759

between the two counties that's

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00:01:12,880 --> 00:01:19,040
currently being used by the cartel

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00:01:15,759 --> 00:01:21,600
daily if not hourly we are not what you

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00:01:19,040 --> 00:01:25,280
would consider a border county

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00:01:21,600 --> 00:01:28,479
we're 275 miles from from McAllen

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00:01:25,280 --> 00:01:29,280
from the border but we are affected by

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00:01:28,479 --> 00:01:32,720
the

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00:01:29,280 --> 00:01:32,720
border crisis every day

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00:01:34,079 --> 00:01:40,990
we deal with pursuits

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00:01:37,439 --> 00:01:42,479
bailouts, human smuggling, narcotics

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00:01:40,990 --> 00:01:47,119
[Music]

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00:01:42,479 --> 00:01:50,960
all of that is coming up Highway 77

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00:01:47,119 --> 00:01:51,759
and US-98 which is comes through Lavaca

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00:01:50,960 --> 00:01:55,360

County

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00:01:51,759 --> 00:01:58,960

so these two areas alone make this a

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00:01:55,360 --> 00:02:00,880

valuable area for cartel involvement

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00:01:58,960 --> 00:02:03,520

which really has been in power to

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00:02:00,880 --> 00:02:06,960

appoint by this federal administration

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00:02:03,520 --> 00:02:09,920

where they have unprecedented levels of

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00:02:06,960 --> 00:02:12,800

money uh that uh where they profited

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00:02:09,920 --> 00:02:14,959

from this from these policies

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00:02:12,800 --> 00:02:16,000

it's becoming a real problem we've had

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00:02:14,959 --> 00:02:18,400

issues

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00:02:16,000 --> 00:02:19,360

for years there's always been an influx

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00:02:18,400 --> 00:02:22,720

of folks

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00:02:19,360 --> 00:02:24,480

coming across this border not a surprise

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00:02:22,720 --> 00:02:25,280
it's always going to be it's always been

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00:02:24,480 --> 00:02:29,760
that way

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00:02:25,280 --> 00:02:33,760
but we're at a point today right now

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00:02:29,760 --> 00:02:36,239
we're worse than we have ever been

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00:02:33,760 --> 00:02:37,200
this is a problem that isn't like it

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00:02:36,239 --> 00:02:39,360
used to be

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00:02:37,200 --> 00:02:41,280
the people coming across or not just

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00:02:39,360 --> 00:02:42,800
from Mexico the world's coming across

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00:02:41,280 --> 00:02:45,040
we have 70 different countries coming

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00:02:42,800 --> 00:02:46,959
across and the federal government

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00:02:45,040 --> 00:02:48,560
doesn't even want to acknowledge it a

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00:02:46,959 --> 00:02:51,519
couple of years ago

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00:02:48,560 --> 00:02:52,720

the past administration uh was able to

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00:02:51,519 --> 00:02:53,920

kind of dwindle things down and it

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00:02:52,720 --> 00:02:54,480

started working things were working

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00:02:53,920 --> 00:02:57,040

pretty well

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00:02:54,480 --> 00:02:57,840

now uh it's almost as if we have no

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00:02:57,040 --> 00:02:59,599

borders

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00:02:57,840 --> 00:03:01,599

no borders at all and it's affecting all

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00:02:59,599 --> 00:03:03,120

of us across not just the south Texas

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00:03:01,599 --> 00:03:04,000

region but it's affecting us across the

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00:03:03,120 --> 00:03:07,760

United States.

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00:03:04,000 --> 00:03:09,760

This has become a national problem

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00:03:07,760 --> 00:03:11,599

and I know some people well you know I

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00:03:09,760 --> 00:03:14,560

don't see it in my hometown

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00:03:11,599 --> 00:03:15,920
you will eventually you're gonna see it

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00:03:14,560 --> 00:03:20,239
in your hometown because

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00:03:15,920 --> 00:03:20,239
it's floating from the South, North.

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00:03:24,879 --> 00:03:29,840
Whenever I was elected in January as

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00:03:26,640 --> 00:03:31,599
County Attorney I saw this happening and

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00:03:29,840 --> 00:03:33,519
I was kind of limited on what I could do

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00:03:31,599 --> 00:03:35,440
so I did the only thing I

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00:03:33,519 --> 00:03:37,120
knew I could is declare local state of

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00:03:35,440 --> 00:03:40,560
disaster and the

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00:03:37,120 --> 00:03:42,080
landowners, the ranchers, they want

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00:03:40,560 --> 00:03:44,159
safety for their families for their you

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00:03:42,080 --> 00:03:45,599
know that's not a political issue safety

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00:03:44,159 --> 00:03:48,560

is not a political issue

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00:03:45,599 --> 00:03:50,000

it's a human issue and that's what we're

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00:03:48,560 --> 00:03:53,280

experiencing down here.

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00:03:50,000 --> 00:03:56,319

The the effects here for constituents is

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00:03:53,280 --> 00:03:59,040

is really one of fear

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00:03:56,319 --> 00:04:00,720

where we have a large part of our

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00:03:59,040 --> 00:04:04,560

constituents who are daily

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00:04:00,720 --> 00:04:06,239

telling me the concern that they have

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00:04:04,560 --> 00:04:08,879

over these policies and what they're

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00:04:06,239 --> 00:04:08,879

causing here

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00:04:09,270 --> 00:04:15,599

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00:04:12,159 --> 00:04:16,160

Well we we run cattle and angora goats

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00:04:15,599 --> 00:04:19,600

here

101
00:04:16,160 --> 00:04:22,800
but our main source of income is hunting

102
00:04:19,600 --> 00:04:24,720
and we we have two groups that

103
00:04:22,800 --> 00:04:26,240
pay a year-round lease and they're

104
00:04:24,720 --> 00:04:28,320
family groups they like to bring their

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00:04:26,240 --> 00:04:30,000
wives and their kids

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00:04:28,320 --> 00:04:31,440
if you're afraid would you want to bring

107
00:04:30,000 --> 00:04:34,639
your family out here

108
00:04:31,440 --> 00:04:36,560
and and be exposed to

109
00:04:34,639 --> 00:04:37,070
you don't know what you don't know who's

110
00:04:36,560 --> 00:04:39,360
out there

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00:04:37,070 --> 00:04:40,800
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00:04:39,360 --> 00:04:43,199
you don't know if they're criminals

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00:04:40,800 --> 00:04:46,560

they're catching them with drugs with

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00:04:43,199 --> 00:04:48,320
guns that's one of the things that

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00:04:46,560 --> 00:04:50,479
that you just don't know and is

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00:04:48,320 --> 00:04:52,320
unnerving the other side is what about

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00:04:50,479 --> 00:04:54,880
the ones we aren't seeing

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00:04:52,320 --> 00:04:56,560
so what are those numbers out there on

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00:04:54,880 --> 00:04:58,560
that I mean

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00:04:56,560 --> 00:04:59,759
you know 180,000 we apprehended so what

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00:04:58,560 --> 00:05:02,880
are we what are we catching

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00:04:59,759 --> 00:05:04,800
20/30 percent you know I'm not going to

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00:05:02,880 --> 00:05:06,960
say here and do math but I'm sure you

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00:05:04,800 --> 00:05:08,479
triple or double that numbers of what's

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00:05:06,960 --> 00:05:10,240
in here that we don't know about

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00:05:08,479 --> 00:05:12,160
and who are they you know are they

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00:05:10,240 --> 00:05:14,639
terrorists are they

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00:05:12,160 --> 00:05:16,479
you know criminal thugs, MS-13 who are

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00:05:14,639 --> 00:05:18,080
they? We have no clue but they're now in

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00:05:16,479 --> 00:05:19,600
the U.S. population

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00:05:18,080 --> 00:05:21,199
and I think that's the other major thing

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00:05:19,600 --> 00:05:23,039
we need to knock on and let let the

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00:05:21,199 --> 00:05:25,360
general public these people up

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00:05:23,039 --> 00:05:27,360
northeast everybody understand they're

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00:05:25,360 --> 00:05:29,840
going to eventually come to your town

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00:05:27,360 --> 00:05:31,360
they're going to get there and you don't

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00:05:29,840 --> 00:05:34,000
know who they are

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00:05:31,360 --> 00:05:35,600

we seem to get no help whatsoever from

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00:05:34,000 --> 00:05:38,320

the from the federal

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00:05:35,600 --> 00:05:40,880

agencies our border patrol that services

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00:05:38,320 --> 00:05:42,560

Jackson County, Lavaca County this area

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00:05:40,880 --> 00:05:44,080

is totally overwhelmed most of us have

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00:05:42,560 --> 00:05:44,800

been sent to the border to try and help

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00:05:44,080 --> 00:05:46,720

there

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00:05:44,800 --> 00:05:48,160

for the masses of people that are coming

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00:05:46,720 --> 00:05:51,600

across the border

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00:05:48,160 --> 00:05:54,720

on these policies the policies

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00:05:51,600 --> 00:05:56,160

that have been put in place since the

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00:05:54,720 --> 00:05:59,840

first of the year

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00:05:56,160 --> 00:06:02,160

have totally reversed control of the

151
00:05:59,840 --> 00:06:02,160
border

152
00:06:05,039 --> 00:06:08,160
it's unreal I mean it's like wild west

153
00:06:07,199 --> 00:06:10,400
out here

154
00:06:08,160 --> 00:06:12,319
nobody can come out and respond to us

155
00:06:10,400 --> 00:06:13,919
you know you call border patrol or sheriffs hey

156
00:06:12,319 --> 00:06:15,759
we can't get out

157
00:06:13,919 --> 00:06:17,150
it's frustrating because you know now

158
00:06:15,759 --> 00:06:18,319
that you're on your own

159
00:06:17,150 --> 00:06:21,600
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160
00:06:18,319 --> 00:06:23,360
it is it is a crisis on the border

161
00:06:21,600 --> 00:06:24,880
it depletes all of our resources

162
00:06:23,360 --> 00:06:26,479
whenever we have one of these pursuits

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00:06:24,880 --> 00:06:29,039

we're a small agency we

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00:06:26,479 --> 00:06:29,600

I only have 14 deputies that work for me

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00:06:29,039 --> 00:06:32,479

from

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00:06:29,600 --> 00:06:34,319

my chief deputy on down so whenever we

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00:06:32,479 --> 00:06:36,720

get in a pursuit

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00:06:34,319 --> 00:06:38,639

basically my whole office empties out

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00:06:36,720 --> 00:06:42,479

and everybody's involved in that

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00:06:38,639 --> 00:06:45,840

situation which takes us away from our

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00:06:42,479 --> 00:06:47,120

our regular duties of patrolling and

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00:06:45,840 --> 00:06:49,199

everything else that we do for the

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00:06:47,120 --> 00:06:51,919

communities well you know

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00:06:49,199 --> 00:06:53,759

several months ago when we filed a local

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00:06:51,919 --> 00:06:54,720

state of disaster because our resources

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00:06:53,759 --> 00:06:56,479

were just

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00:06:54,720 --> 00:06:58,319

it was beyond being stretched thin they

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00:06:56,479 --> 00:06:59,919

were just non-existent anymore

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00:06:58,319 --> 00:07:02,400

one of the things about our community is

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00:06:59,919 --> 00:07:05,039

we have one ambulance you know

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00:07:02,400 --> 00:07:05,520

if we have a bailout call our resources

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00:07:05,039 --> 00:07:09,039

are there

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00:07:05,520 --> 00:07:09,039

all of our resources are there anyway

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00:07:12,000 --> 00:07:15,440

and the paramedics the only one that can

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00:07:13,520 --> 00:07:16,800

administer certain drugs or procedures

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00:07:15,440 --> 00:07:19,120

on someone that's dying or

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00:07:16,800 --> 00:07:21,440

in you know very serious harm when that

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00:07:19,120 --> 00:07:24,479

ambulance was out on a call

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00:07:21,440 --> 00:07:27,599

because of a bailout and an

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00:07:24,479 --> 00:07:29,599

accident with human smuggling someone in

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00:07:27,599 --> 00:07:32,639

our community a tax paying citizen

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00:07:29,599 --> 00:07:35,759

had a heart attack ended up dying that

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00:07:32,639 --> 00:07:38,720

that really affects everyone not only

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00:07:35,759 --> 00:07:41,440

the cost of that for our small community

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00:07:38,720 --> 00:07:42,720

but the impact on our resources and our

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00:07:41,440 --> 00:07:44,479

people

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00:07:42,720 --> 00:07:45,599

and the ems director I was speaking to

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00:07:44,479 --> 00:07:47,440

told me you know we could have been

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00:07:45,599 --> 00:07:48,800

there we could have saved your life

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00:07:47,440 --> 00:07:50,960

but we didn't have the resources we

201
00:07:48,800 --> 00:07:52,879
needed at that time so unfortunately she

202
00:07:50,960 --> 00:07:53,599
died because of the fighting policies in

203
00:07:52,879 --> 00:07:55,520
place

204
00:07:53,599 --> 00:07:57,680
and because us not having the emergency

205
00:07:55,520 --> 00:08:00,400
medical care that we need

206
00:07:57,680 --> 00:08:01,120
and that's a sad reality of what a

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00:08:00,400 --> 00:08:03,759
policy can

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00:08:01,120 --> 00:08:05,280
do to people in our type of county and

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00:08:03,759 --> 00:08:07,120
it's uh it's gonna get worse

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00:08:05,280 --> 00:08:08,639
and once the summer months hit even

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00:08:07,120 --> 00:08:10,319
worse and it gets hot

212
00:08:08,639 --> 00:08:11,280
there's gonna be a lot more people dying

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00:08:10,319 --> 00:08:12,800

and there's gonna be a lot more

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00:08:11,280 --> 00:08:14,479
confrontations for water and everything

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00:08:12,800 --> 00:08:17,120
else it's going to become violent

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00:08:14,479 --> 00:08:18,879
well and the other thing people seem to

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00:08:17,120 --> 00:08:21,120
overlook is you know say our sheriff

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00:08:18,879 --> 00:08:22,319
you know arrest someone that has a

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00:08:21,120 --> 00:08:25,120
criminal record

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00:08:22,319 --> 00:08:26,960
and when they release it under the

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00:08:25,120 --> 00:08:28,160
current policies ice can't accept them

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00:08:26,960 --> 00:08:30,240
if they're coming out of a jail or

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00:08:28,160 --> 00:08:31,759
detention center so the

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00:08:30,240 --> 00:08:33,440
sheriff is putting a hard spot he has

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00:08:31,759 --> 00:08:34,800
two options he can deport him or release

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00:08:33,440 --> 00:08:37,039
him into the public

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00:08:34,800 --> 00:08:38,159
and a lot of sheriffs that I know they

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00:08:37,039 --> 00:08:41,120
rather violate their

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00:08:38,159 --> 00:08:42,880
oath to a public policy abiding than

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00:08:41,120 --> 00:08:44,159
their constitutional oath to the county

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00:08:42,880 --> 00:08:46,240
residents

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00:08:44,159 --> 00:08:47,519
the only solution that we can have has

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00:08:46,240 --> 00:08:48,560
to have something that removes that

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00:08:47,519 --> 00:08:51,440
danger

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00:08:48,560 --> 00:08:53,839
and I believe deportation has to be part

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00:08:51,440 --> 00:08:55,920
of the solution

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00:08:53,839 --> 00:08:57,279
having that what where can you house

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00:08:55,920 --> 00:08:59,600

over a million people that

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00:08:57,279 --> 00:09:01,279
that are legally into this country you

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00:08:59,600 --> 00:09:02,080
can't unless you make an entire new city

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00:09:01,279 --> 00:09:04,080
somewhere

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00:09:02,080 --> 00:09:06,160
the cost of doing that is astronomical

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00:09:04,080 --> 00:09:07,279
so deportation I believe has to be part

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00:09:06,160 --> 00:09:08,640
of the solution

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00:09:07,279 --> 00:09:10,959
and that's what a lot of ranchers here

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00:09:08,640 --> 00:09:12,160
think as well so I think in the end note

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00:09:10,959 --> 00:09:14,560
of this whole deal

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00:09:12,160 --> 00:09:16,080
is you know we are getting hit hard

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00:09:14,560 --> 00:09:20,240
financially and stuff so

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00:09:16,080 --> 00:09:22,640
we really need to try to do something

251
00:09:20,240 --> 00:09:24,160
to slow this down where we're not going

252
00:09:22,640 --> 00:09:26,240
to slow it down completely

253
00:09:24,160 --> 00:09:28,240
but I think what we can help is we need

254
00:09:26,240 --> 00:09:29,120
to learn figure out a way to free border

255
00:09:28,240 --> 00:09:33,279
patrol

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00:09:29,120 --> 00:09:35,279
from babysitting and adult daycare and

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00:09:33,279 --> 00:09:36,640
processing and where they can get out in

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00:09:35,279 --> 00:09:38,080
the field and actually secure our

259
00:09:36,640 --> 00:09:41,360
borders in the areas where

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00:09:38,080 --> 00:09:44,399
we need it the most it's

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00:09:41,360 --> 00:09:48,959
adamant that we get the attention

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00:09:44,399 --> 00:09:51,519
of the president to know what's going on

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00:09:48,959 --> 00:09:53,600

on the border we we try to get this out

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00:09:51,519 --> 00:09:56,160

in front of the community every day

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00:09:53,600 --> 00:09:56,720

we try to put it out there we want his

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00:09:56,160 --> 00:09:58,080

attention

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00:09:56,720 --> 00:10:00,560

we want him to pay attention what's

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00:09:58,080 --> 00:10:02,959

going on and we need to

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00:10:00,560 --> 00:10:04,640

to secure that border again like like we

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00:10:02,959 --> 00:10:07,040

had in the past and it's just

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00:10:04,640 --> 00:10:07,680

it's not happening right now and

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00:10:07,040 --> 00:10:09,600

basically

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00:10:07,680 --> 00:10:11,200

we're being ignored by the current

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00:10:09,600 --> 00:10:13,920

administration

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00:10:11,200 --> 00:10:15,360

it's it's gonna continue to cascade and

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00:10:13,920 --> 00:10:17,440
snowball into this

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00:10:15,360 --> 00:10:19,120
uh problem that we're not going to be

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00:10:17,440 --> 00:10:20,480
able to handle if we don't get something

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00:10:19,120 --> 00:10:23,120
done soon

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00:10:20,480 --> 00:10:23,519
and when it spills out it's going to be

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00:10:23,120 --> 00:10:24,640
so

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00:10:23,519 --> 00:10:25,920
rampant that you're not going to be able

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00:10:24,640 --> 00:10:27,680
to control it it's going to get to the

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00:10:25,920 --> 00:10:28,880
point where there is no control of it

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00:10:27,680 --> 00:10:30,800
you're not going to be able to control

286

00:10:28,880 --> 00:10:31,440
it or stop it we have to do something

287

00:10:30,800 --> 00:10:33,360
now

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00:10:31,440 --> 00:10:35,360

and this is the things that we need the

289

00:10:33,360 --> 00:10:36,480
american people to understand

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00:10:35,360 --> 00:10:38,880
we need the american people to

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00:10:36,480 --> 00:10:40,240
understand I understand you don't see it

292

00:10:38,880 --> 00:10:41,600
but pull your head out of your out of

293

00:10:40,240 --> 00:10:43,200
your sandbox

294

00:10:41,600 --> 00:10:44,640
and look around and see what's going if

295

00:10:43,200 --> 00:10:45,600
you don't believe it come down and look

296

00:10:44,640 --> 00:10:47,760
at it

297

00:10:45,600 --> 00:10:48,880
we've we've asked the president vice

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00:10:47,760 --> 00:10:50,959
president

299

00:10:48,880 --> 00:10:53,120
don't hide in your basement come down to

300

00:10:50,959 --> 00:10:54,560
the border and take a look for yourself

301
00:10:53,120 --> 00:10:56,240
instead of going by what you want to

302
00:10:54,560 --> 00:10:57,760
push out as a political agenda it's not

303
00:10:56,240 --> 00:11:00,640
a political agenda

304
00:10:57,760 --> 00:11:02,000
it is a real world crisis and if we

305
00:11:00,640 --> 00:11:03,600
don't stop it it's going to affect

306
00:11:02,000 --> 00:11:05,040
everybody eventually to the point

307
00:11:03,600 --> 00:11:08,080
where we're not going to have an america

308
00:11:05,040 --> 00:11:10,160
the united states will cease to exist

309
00:11:08,080 --> 00:11:12,399
[Music]

310
00:11:10,160 --> 00:11:13,279
every time you go out in the pasture you

311
00:11:12,399 --> 00:11:16,640
find something

312
00:11:13,279 --> 00:11:17,440
gates left open they're cutting the high

313
00:11:16,640 --> 00:11:20,079

fences

314

00:11:17,440 --> 00:11:21,920
and leaving holes in them and that

315

00:11:20,079 --> 00:11:23,920
creates a lot of danger for us

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00:11:21,920 --> 00:11:25,519
it's creating property damage animals

317

00:11:23,920 --> 00:11:26,640
and lives livestock getting out on

318

00:11:25,519 --> 00:11:28,000
public property

319

00:11:26,640 --> 00:11:43,440
a lot of liability there that we're

320

00:11:28,000 --> 00:11:45,519
worried about

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00:11:43,440 --> 00:11:45,519
you