

# U.S. Rep Steil: We must secure our southern border

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**WASHINGTON, DC** — Congressman Bryan Steil (WI-01), Ranking Member on the Select Committee on the Economy, shared a statement following the Select Committee's field hearing in McAllen, TX and Republican press conference at the southern border.

"I am glad we had a full Congressional hearing with democrats and republicans at the southern border where we could see first-hand the challenges American cities have due to the open border. The inaction by President Biden and his Administration has created a crisis at our southern border.

Resources to make critical infrastructure investment discussed during the hearing and to protect Texas communities have been diverted to manage this crisis. Farmers, ranchers, and families are seeing this first-hand. One example is the increase in high-speed car chases. This is forcing schools to put up barricades to protect students. The needs of farmers and ranchers have been routinely ignored and demeaned by the Biden Administration's inaction. Human and drug trafficking on personal property is harming Texans' safety and destroying farmland.

We cannot continue to ignore this crisis. The federal government has a duty to secure our border. It's time for President Biden and one-party control in Washington to act."