

Petition HR 2

“Children!

The House should pass H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, as soon as possible, and the Senate should be ready to take it up the moment it arrives.

During the last administration, roughly 540,000 unaccompanied children were apprehended after crossing the border illegally, and about 448,000 were released to sponsors across the country. A broken vetting process then lost track of them on a staggering scale: according to former Health and Human Services official John Fabbriatore, who led the current administration’s effort to find these children, the government could not account for the whereabouts of 291,000 of them.

The failures were built into a system that approved sponsors without meaningful checks. Fabbriatore reported more than 250,000 instances of falsified identity documents, roughly 168,000 illegible IDs, and 110,000 cases of age misrepresentation in sponsorship records, along with tens of thousands of undisclosed – and likely illegal – members of sponsor households. More than 15,000 “super-sponsors” each claimed more than three children, with a single sponsor claiming custody of 41.

H.R. 2 would close this loophole directly, requiring HHS to verify the immigration status of every sponsor and ensuring that children are released only to sponsors who can be held accountable. President Trump’s team has located 140,000 of the missing children, but executive action can be reversed by a future administration with the stroke of a pen. Only legislation can make this fix permanent.

Send a message to your U.S. Representative and Senators urging the House to pass H.R. 2 without delay and the Senate to be ready to take it up.”