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## **Kirsten Engel Condemns Washington Politicians for Lukeville Port of Entry Closure**

**TUCSON, AZ** — Today, Kirsten Engel, candidate for Arizona’s 6th Congressional district and former state legislator, released the following statement on the closure of the Lukeville port of entry earlier this week:

“Southern Arizona continues to suffer while Washington fails to address our crisis at the border. The closure of the Lukeville port of entry — with no reopening in sight — further exacerbates that problem.

“At a time when we need real immigration reform including more resources and personnel to tackle the surge in migrant crossings, Washington politicians like Juan Ciscomani are more interested in grandstanding and picking partisan fights than working to find common-sense solutions. This is clearly nothing more than a political talking point for Ciscomani — while he says one thing to constituents, he [voted to cut billions of dollars from border security](#) that could lead to fewer border patrol agents on duty. We need leaders who will do their homework and work with Republicans and Democrats to stabilize our border, maintain the flow of trade for our businesses, and keep our communities safe.

“The federal government has a history of dereliction of duty when it comes to addressing our broken immigration system. It’s time for the Biden administration and Congress to rise above the dysfunction and work toward a swift reopening of Lukeville port of entry.”

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*Kirsten Engel is a mom, an environmental attorney, and a former State Legislator who has fought for years to restore funding to public schools, protect Arizona's natural resources, and make our communities safer. She's ready to take that fight to Washington to find common-sense solutions to the challenges we're facing here in Arizona's Sixth Congressional District.*