



**EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY**

The Honorable Chris Murphy  
U.S. Senator, Connecticut  
Democratic National Convention  
Wednesday, August 21, 2024  
Remarks as Prepared for Delivery

Everything you just saw, that's what happened. I know because I was the Democrat negotiating that bill to secure the border with President Biden and Vice President Harris.

Trump's allies weren't just in the room—they helped us write the damn thing. It was a bipartisan bill. It was a tough bill: \$20 billion in new border security. Gave the president the emergency power to shut down the border.

One Republican said, "It would have had almost unanimous support ... if it weren't for Donald Trump." Trump killed that bill because he knew if we fixed the border, he'd lose his ability to divide us, his ability to fan the flames of fear about people who come from different places.

Hate and division. That's Trump's oxygen. Trump and JD Vance need it to survive in politics. People are saying they're weird. And they are weird. But even worse, they're weak.

For 20 years, Kamala Harris has been tough as nails on illegal immigration. When she was a California prosecutor, she went after drug smugglers, human traffickers. Put 100 gang members away in a single sweep.

Trump says a safe nation can't be an immigrant nation. That's flat wrong, and Kamala Harris knows it.

Engraved on the Statue of Liberty is a poem. The last line reads: "I lift my lamp beside the golden door." For generations, that lamp has called people to start a brave new life in America: my ancestors, your ancestors, and the parents of the next president of the United States.

Kamala Harris knows we can be a nation of immigrants and immigration laws. That's why, when she's president, she will bring that border bill back, and she'll pass it.

How do I know? Because in this race, there's only one candidate who's ever been willing to do the worthy, redeeming work of making our country better. Of recognizing that we don't have to choose between celebrating our heritage and enforcing our laws. The beautiful thing about America is that we can be both a nation of immigrants who love their country and a nation with a secure border.

And there's only one candidate who can deliver that vision of America: Kamala Harris.

###