



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
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KRISTI NOEM | GOVERNOR

January 29, 2024

The Honorable Hugh Bartels
Speaker of the House
South Dakota House of Representatives

The Honorable Lee Schoenbeck
Senate President Pro Tempore
South Dakota Senate

Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President Pro Tempore,

I write to you to request a joint session of the South Dakota legislature under joint rule 16-2 to provide a briefing on the warzone at our nation's Southern Border.

I will address the joint session of the legislature on the current situation at the border and the potential South Dakota response.

Because of the dire situation, it is pertinent that we have this conversation quickly. I am requesting this joint session to take place on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 2 pm CT. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to working with you to keep South Dakotans, Texans, and all Americans safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristi Noem", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Kristi Noem
Governor

CC: Representative Will Mortensen, House Majority Leader
Senator Casey Crabtree, Senate Majority Leader
Representative Oren Lesmeister, House Minority Leader
Senator Reynold Nesiba, Senate Minority Leader