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Governor Greg Abbott today issued the following statement after the announcement from U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen that the federal government will deploy the National Guard to the U.S.-Mexico border.

"My top priority as Governor is ensuring the safety and security of Texans, and securing our southern border has always been essential to that mission," said Governor Abbott. "In my time as Governor, Texas has maintained a continuous presence of National Guard members along the border, and we've added hundreds of permanent Department of Public Safety troopers to the region. Today's action by the Trump Administration reinforces Texas' longstanding commitment to secure our southern border and uphold the Rule of Law, and I

welcome the support. Going forward, Texas will continue to implement robust border security efforts, and this partnership will help ensure we are doing everything we can to stem the flow of illegal immigration."

Today's decision by the Trump Administration is consistent with previous actions taken to secure our southern border by President Barack Obama in 2010, and President George W. Bush in 2006.

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