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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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Dear President Obama:

Yesterday after you met with Governor Rick Perry to discuss the immigration crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border, you placed the onus on the House Texas delegation to solve the problem. Mr. President, I am flattered that you think our delegation possesses the power to fix one of the largest humanitarian crises in our nation's history with one single vote, but I'm afraid your administration's policies and the lack of enforcing the law cannot be fixed with the supplemental bill you proposed.

Giving \$3.7 billion to fund and expedite the legal process for the tens of thousands of unaccompanied minors who have illegally crossed our border in the last few months while doing nothing to send them home and secure our border is wasted effort and wasted taxpayer money. The reports you have been given by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security clearly show the crisis is growing. Last year, border patrol apprehended more than 24,000 unaccompanied children at the border. By mid-June of this year, the number has more than doubled, and hundreds are caught each passing day.

You claimed to have no philosophical disagreements with Governor Perry, but you fail to realize that your end goal is fundamentally different, and wrong. Secretary Jeh Johnson could not even tell the public what the administration's goals are for this crisis. You refuse to use your power to send these children back to reunite with their own families and use every available resource to fully seal our border. That is the end goal for the Texas delegation, and that is why I will not support your weak and irresponsible supplemental bill.

On behalf of my Texas colleagues, I plead for your time. I would like to invite you to sit down with the Texas delegation so we can find a solution together. You carved out an entire afternoon to raise money in the Lone Star State while stubbornly refusing to visit the border, but I hope that the two miles between our House and the White House will not be a deterrent. Please contact me to arrange this vital meeting, and let's fix the problem now.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roger Williams  
Member of Congress