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Miller, Ashland County Delegation Tour Southern Border

COLUMBUS, OH – State Rep. Melanie Miller (R-Ashland) toured the southern U.S. border in Cochise County, Arizona this week alongside Ashland Mayor Matt Miller and incoming Ashland County Sheriff Kurt Schneider.

The Ashland County delegation met with Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels and local law enforcement to gain a firsthand understanding of how federal policy is affecting illegal immigration.

“This tour was an eye-opening experience,” said Miller. “You see dozens of stories on the news, but until you are here, it’s difficult to grasp the full scale of the crisis caused by our federal border policies.”

Along with a briefing on the Cartel’s control of the border and efforts to combat human and drug smuggling, the delegation met with local leaders and joined the border enforcement team on patrol.

“Seeing firsthand how easily cartels smuggle people across the border really drives home the severity of the human trafficking crisis. The border is just the starting point of a horrific journey for many victims, and it’s clear we need to take stronger action, not just at the border, but here in Ohio, to stop this exploitation and protect vulnerable people.”

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State Representative Melanie Miller is currently serving her first term in the Ohio House of Representatives. She represents the 67th House District, which includes all of Ashland County and the western portion of Medina County.