

STATEMENT

When Asked Directly In A Television Interview If There Is An Immigration Crisis, Kirsten Engel Replied, “No.”

Verification

Engel Said That, “No,” There Is Not A Border Crisis

VIDEO: In May 2022, Asked If Arizona Has ‘An Immigration Crisis,’ Engel Responded: “No.” TED SIMONS: “Kirsten, does Arizona have an immigration crisis?” KIRSTEN ENGEL: “No. It does need help at the border. We do. Washington I would say has failed us, and it’s not just this administration. It’s the past administration.” (Primary Election Debate, [KAET](#), 5/18/22) minute 13:58

Engel Later Claimed That The Border Represents “A Humanitarian Crisis”

VIDEO: In August 2022, Asked Whether Arizona Has ‘An Immigration Crisis,’ Engel Responded That “We ... Have A Humanitarian Crisis And We Need A Better Working Asylum Process.” TED SIMONS: “We mentioned the district goes there at the southeast corner of Arizona. You’re down there by the border. I’ve asked this question to numerous candidates. I’m asking it again: Does Arizona have an immigration crisis?” KIRSTEN ENGEL: “Ted, you know, Washington has failed us on the border. You know, let’s be real ... We also have a humanitarian crisis and we need a better working asylum process.” (“Arizona Horizon,” [KAET](#), 8/29/22) minute 11:02

VIDEO: In October 2022, Engel Said That “It’s ... A Humanitarian Crisis With So Many People Coming To Our Border.” ENGEL: “So, we do need to secure our border. There’s real issues of drug trafficking and human trafficking. A lot of those drugs actually going through our ports of entry, which we should strengthen, and there’s good proposals on that. It’s also, yes, as I have said, a humanitarian crisis with so many people coming to our border, you know, seeking to enter the United States to make a better life for themselves. They deserve and are entitled under U.S. law to an orderly asylum process.” (Interview With Kirsten Engel, [KGUN](#), 10/11/22) minute 8:08