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Eric Flores on Newsmax: Rep. Vicente Gonzales Is Holding Border Patrol Hostage

San Benito, TX – Eric Flores, a former Army National Guard Infantry Captain, former Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Republican candidate for Texas' 34th Congressional District, joined NEWSMAX where he torched Congressional Democrats and Congressman Vicente Gonzalez for the continuing shutdown and denying Border Patrol paychecks as they work to stop the flow of illegal immigration.

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"I think it's pretty egregious that Democrats are out here in fine hotels having fine meals, while the American patriots securing our border are facing paycheck instability.

Instead of voting for a clean continuing resolution to pay our military, Border Patrol, ICE, FBI, IRS, and HSI agents, **Congressman Vicente Gonzalez is essentially sending a ransom note to District 34—telling constituents to fund benefits for illegal immigrants instead of paying those protecting our country, we're holding American patriots hostage without their next paycheck.**

That's wrong. He needs to do his job or get out of the way.

Today, I visited Border Patrol stations in District 34 to boost morale and hand out food so those agents don't have to stand in food-bank lines. I'm here to support those patriots alongside President Trump.

That tweet from Vicente Gonzalez just shows how out of touch he is. Border Patrol agents told me their congressman has never once asked what they need. And their needs are clear—they need a paycheck. But because he's a spectator in Congress who won't stand up to Hakeem Jeffries or Chuck Schumer, they won't get one.

The border is a huge issue. We need to stop illegal crossings, stop fentanyl and gun trafficking, and stop illegals from taking advantage of taxpayer-funded healthcare. Instead, Gonzalez is sitting on the sidelines.”

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