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The Biden administration doubled down Thursday on Veep Kamala Harris' **claim that the US border with Mexico is "secure"** despite a surge of illegal crossings and overwhelmed migrant processing centers.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre backed up Harris — who was skewered for insisting earlier this week that "**the border is secure**" despite a broken immigration system that "needs to be fixed" — at a press briefing.

The ongoing damage control from Jean-Pierre included her blaming President Donald Trump's administration for "decimating" the country's immigration system and mistakenly referring to GOP Sen. Ted Cruz as the governor of Texas while she got grilled by reporters over whether the White House stood by Harris' "secure border" statement.

"What we stand by is that we are doing everything that we can to make sure that we follow the process that's been put forth," Jean-Pierre said. "That's why we have historic funding to do just that, to make sure that the folks that we encounter at the border be removed or expelled."

More migrants are being removed or expelled this year than any previous year, she said, noting that a new anti-human-smuggling campaign resulted in 3,000 arrests in the first three months of its launch.



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