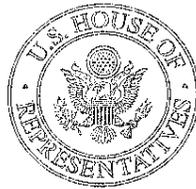


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Sector Chief Carlos Carillo
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Dear Sector Chief Carillo:

As we discussed on the phone yesterday, we share a strong commitment to enforcing the law and securing the border. I am relieved to hear that you were misquoted in the *Laredo Morning Times* recently and that you are interested in implementing a zero tolerance policy similar to Operation Streamline. I have seen firsthand how effective Operation Streamline has been in deterring illegal entry in the Del Rio Border Patrol Sector and, as we discussed, I would like to offer my assistance in expanding the operation to include all sectors along the southern border, beginning with the Laredo sector.

Operation Streamline, conceived by U.S. District Court Judge Alia Moses Ludlum, Judge Dennis Green, Judge Victor Garcia, and U.S. Border Patrol Sector Chief Randy Hill, has sealed the border in the Del Rio Sector to nearly all illegal traffic including drug and human smuggling. Under Operation Streamline, all arrested illegal immigrants are prosecuted, dramatically reducing the number of illegal crossings. During Fiscal Year 2005, illegal border crossings dropped 38% in the Del Rio Sector and in Fiscal Year 2006, illegal border crossings have dropped an additional 52%. The Val Verde County Sheriff's office also reports a 76% drop in crime during this period. The Del Rio Sector has achieved these results using existing funds, leasing detention space from local jails, and adding three new prosecutors assigned by the Border Patrol.

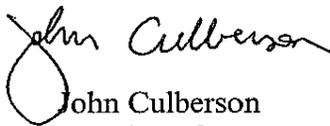
Operation Streamline also enjoys the strong support of the people who live in the Del Rio Sector. I have spoken to civic leaders and elected officials from other areas of the southern border and they have voiced their support for the program. As a member of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, I am in a unique position to provide support and necessary resources that will enable you to enact a zero tolerance policy in the Laredo Sector.

My Legislative Director, Jeff Morehouse, and Senior Policy Advisor on Homeland Security, Mike Maxwell, will be in touch with your staff in the days ahead to work out the logistical details and identify how we can help you. I have already spoken to U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle, and he has also expressed his commitment to work with us to implement zero

tolerance in the Laredo Sector. I know that my staff and I bear a significant responsibility to make this effort succeed by finding the resources necessary to make it happen. You can count on my 110% support.

I appreciate your commitment to enforcing the law and implementing this policy in the Laredo Border Patrol Sector, and I look forward to working with you to expand this important operation.

Sincerely,


John Culberson
Member of Congress

Cc: Chief David V. Aguilar