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The Honorable Jose Serrano
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The Honorable Ralph Regula
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United States House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Serrano and Ranking Member Regula:

I am writing respectfully to request your support for the following programs in the FY2009 Financial Services Appropriations bill:

I am requesting that the Committee provide sufficient additional funding to hire enough magistrates and judges to handle the additional case load generated by prosecuting all gun crimes in Harris County under federal gun laws, with mandatory minimum sentences and no chance for parole.

I support fully funding the President's FY2009 budget request for the Judiciary to implement Operation Streamline from Brownsville to San Diego. Operation Streamline is currently in effect in the Laredo, Del Rio, and Yuma Border Patrol Sectors and successfully prosecutes under existing law all drug smugglers and illegal aliens apprehended by the Border Patrol.

Should your office need any additional information, please contact Alicia Lee at 6-9175.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Culberson".

John Culberson
Member of Congress