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The Honorable David E. Price
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Harold Rogers
Subcommittee on Homeland Security
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United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Rogers:

I am writing respectfully to request your support for the following projects in the FY2009 Homeland Security Appropriations bill:

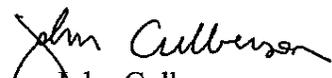
1. **Operation Stonegarden:** \$80,000,000 to fund joint operations between local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities to secure our Southern and Northern border using the successful zero tolerance policy now in effect in the Laredo, Del Rio, and Yuma Border Patrol Sectors where all drug smugglers and illegal aliens are prosecuted under existing law.
2. **Harris County Flood Control District:** \$1,000,000 for the voluntary acquisition and demolition of approximately 38 homes located deep in the floodway and floodplain of the White Oak Watershed of Harris County, Texas.
3. **Coast Guard, Bridge Alterations:** \$6,000,000 for the replacement of the Galveston Causeway Railroad Bridge, a vital transportation system in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

Additionally, I am supportive of fully funding the President's FY2009 budget request for Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement 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,


John Culberson
Member of Congress