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CITY OF LAS CRUCES

February 25, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the City of Las Cruces, I want to express my support for the principals written by the House Border Caucus in a letter sent to your office outlining priorities for the southwest border region. In particular I wish to underline my support for the following principals as presented below:

- Increase the Customs and Border Protection workforce by hiring additional CBP officers at southwestern ports of entry
- Improve port of entry infrastructure as proposed in the 2008 PORTS Act
- Streamline administration of border investment by establishing a "U.S.-Mexico Economic Partnership Commission" to study operations, technology, and infrastructure along the border.

I look forward to working with your administration to find ways to continue improving transportation and land and ports of entry infrastructure projects related to the U.S.-Mexico Border Crossings. I also look forward to finding ways to implement on-going and new U.S.-Mexico border crossing infrastructure projects, including plans to improve inspection plazas, roads, bridges, tunnels and ferries.

Your leadership and commitment to our nation is extremely important to those of us here on the southwest border region; thank you for listening. I look forward to working further with your administration in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Miyagishima