



April 23, 2010

Honorable John Cornyn  
Member - United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-4305

Dear Senator Cornyn:

The South Texans' Property Rights Association (STPRA) offers its unqualified support of your bill entitled, "Border Security Assistance Act". As an organization comprised of owners and managers of over five million acres of property that is largely located within 100 miles of the Mexican border, STPRA members are on the front lines of the drug war now raging in the region. Almost daily, our members report harrowing stories of violence and threats; and, as unbelievable as it may seem in the United States of America, our members must consider retaliatory injury or death if they report those threats to authorities.

The restoration of confidence in law enforcement to protect our citizens is imperative. The sovereignty of our nation is at stake. We applaud the proposed legislation you are putting forward, because it will provide direct, immediate assistance for local law enforcement to do the jobs they are now doing to the best of their abilities, but with limited resources and effectiveness.

We also applaud the provisions of your legislation which will enhance the judicial process through the addition of federal district judges. The assurance of swift justice will give local law enforcement the practical and moral support necessary to help stem the tide of overwhelming fear and uncertainty now engulfing the borderlands. The scourge of drug violence and human smuggling has spread from the U.S. - Mexican border to almost every region of our country. It is a challenge that will be resolved only through a multi-faceted approach, bringing every reasonably available resource of the United States government to bear. In the meantime, passage of your legislation will significantly help keep the devastation in check, allowing us time to implement even more sweeping measures. We commend you for your leadership and urge Congress to pass your legislation as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

*Susan Durham*

Susan Durham,  
Executive Director

# TEXAS BORDER SHERIFF'S COALITION



April 21, 2010

Senator John Cornyn  
Senate of the United States  
Washington, DC

Re: BORDER SECURITY ASSISTANCE ACT

Senator Cornyn:

Thank you for this proposed legislation to address the critical need for security along our nation's border. The threat of violence reaching our nation as a result of the violence that is occurring in Mexico daily is critical for us to address.

This legislation is a welcome addition to addressing that need.

The Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition and the Southwestern Border Sheriff's Coalition by a consensus vote endorse this legislation. The two Coalitions have a membership of 31 Sheriffs.

The Sheriffs do believe that the legislation could be strengthened by giving priority to those applicants within 25 miles of the border where the greatest need exists.

The involvement of local law enforcement is paramount to the success of keeping our communities and our nation safe. This bill addresses that issue of local input and involvement.

The Sheriffs of the border with Mexico thank you for having the vision and taking action on this threat to our nation.

For the Coalitions,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald L. Reay". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Donald L. Reay  
Executive Director  
Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition