

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 14, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to express our strong support for the City of Eagle Pass's application for a Presidential Permit for the Camino Real International Bridge (CRIB) Expansion Project.

Mexico is a vital trading partner not only for Texas but also for the entire United States. In 2023, \$807 billion worth of goods moved across the U.S. southern border, making Mexico our country's top trading partner.<sup>1</sup> Trade through Eagle Pass increased for the third consecutive year, achieving a growth rate of 9.2%. Two-way trade totaled \$37.14 billion, ranking Eagle Pass as the fourth largest commercial crossing in Texas, following Port Laredo, the Ysleta-Zaragoza Bridge in El Paso, and the Pharr International Bridge.<sup>2</sup>

The CRIB Expansion Project will add a new six-lane bridge span adjacent to the existing bridge, which will continue to support both commercial and non-commercial vehicles, as well as buses. The City is collaborating with local, state, and federal agencies to expand the throughput of Eagle Pass's two International Bridges, Ports of Entry (POE), and transportation system. This includes projects by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) within the POEs, as well as transportation improvements by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation. The CRIB Expansion Project is the next step in this comprehensive modernization program to meet the rising demands of trade through Eagle Pass.

We urge you to swiftly approve the Presidential Permit for the CRIB Expansion Project, which will enhance trade with Mexico, strengthen supply chain resilience, and create well-paying jobs in Texas.

Sincerely,



JOHN CORNYN  
United States Senator



TED CRUZ  
United States Senator

<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, "U.S. Relations with Mexico; Bilateral Relations Fact Sheet," U.S. Department of State, September 16, 2024: <https://www.state.gov/u-s-relations-with-mexico/#:~:text=Mexico%20was%20the%20United%20States,with%20China%20totaled%20%24576%20billion.>

<sup>2</sup> World City, "Eagle Pass," US ExportImport Port Trade Data WorldCity Inc., Accessed November 1, 2024: <https://prod.ustradenumbers.com/port/eagle-pass/>.