



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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Durham".

Susan Durham,  
Executive Director