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Our Mission is to Enrich, Lead and Foster the San Ysidro Business Community and our Bi-National Region.

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Chris Magnus
Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Re: **BETTER BORDER SUGGESTIONS**
SAN YSIDRO STAKEHOLDERS ALLIANCE

Dear Commissioner Magnus –

It was a pleasure meeting you during our recent CaliBaja annual advocacy mission to Washington DC. Your candor in sharing previous experiences with CBP as a police chief were refreshing and appreciated, as was your positive response to our earlier request of a visit to San Ysidro – meeting with stakeholders and officers.

While dealing with staffing issues, Title 42, officer resiliency - among other major issues - we were extremely happy to hear your repeated focus on **“Economic Security.”**

Businesses, representatives and the Community of San Ysidro stand with you to balance security with our binational region’s economic, health, environmental and social prosperity. We believe the largest force affecting the aforementioned is border wait times. In an effort to not only speak concern of wait times, but be part of the solution, an alliance of elected officials, non-profit organizations, business owners and others have signed on to the attached **Better Border Suggestions.**

We look forward to working with your office, our local OFO, port working groups and special task forces toward implementation of as many of the listed items as feasible.

You are certainly leading CBP through some of the most difficult times in recent history. We trust our “where-the-rubber-meets-the-road” perspective will help – at least at your busiest LPOE.

Sincerely,



Jason M-B Wells
Executive Director

cc: US Senator Alex Padilla
US Representative Juan Vargas
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