



NATIONAL BORDER PATROL COUNCIL

of the

American Federation of Government Employees

Affiliated with AFL-CIO



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The Honorable Thad Cochran
United States Senate
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2402

Dear Senator Cochran,

The National Border Patrol Council, representing 10,000 non-supervisory Border Patrol employees, is alarmed by the porosity of our Nation's borders. Every day, thousands of people successfully enter our country illegally. Strong measures need to be taken immediately to address this crisis.

To this end, the National Border Patrol Council urges the conferees on H.R. 1268 to adopt the Senate provisions that immediately fund an additional 1,050 Border Patrol agents and related mission support expenses, as well as the House REAL ID Act provisions. All of these measures are important steps in the fight against terrorism, and your support of them is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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