

Written Statement of Proposed Testimony

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I'm a fourth-generation cattle rancher, we have ten- and one-half miles of the International Boundary.

Numbers went down a little after T-42 was lifted, it also started getting hot here. We are getting 15 illegal aliens per hour through our ranch. This number has been verified by BP and our sheriff. We are still getting military age males dressed in full camouflage carrying a cell phone.

Our ranch is fully fenced, 2.5 miles of 18' bollard wall and 8 miles of 30' bollard wall, which was completed in 2020. Homeland Security has contracted to finish the border road (60' easement) and the low water crossings from Ajo, AZ to the New Mexico State line. The contractor is on our ranch now and they expect to be here at least a year.

Our sheriff, Mark Dannels, has done an outstanding job using real-time game cameras, Border Interdiction Team and Load Vehicle interdiction team, high speed chases are the main problem now. Sixteen people have been killed in our county.

We still have a good relationship with Border Patrol. We depend on our sheriff department for protection, border patrol has been neutered by Homeland Security.

The impact on me is that I'm on call 24 hours a day because of cut fences and damaged water lines. The lack of Border Patrol has contributed to an open border with illegal aliens coming at will. This has put a strain on our Sheriff's departments manpower which has resulted in lack of our home security, high speed chases on the highway as well as increased crime on our ranch as well as the surrounding community.

America better wake up. What are we going to do with 7 to 8 million people?