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The Honorable Rodney S. Scott Commissioner U.S. Customs and Border Protection 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004

Commissioner Scott:

A little over two months ago, President Trump signed into law Public Law 119-21, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. This law provided more than \$64 billion to your agency to fund vital border security missions within the U.S. Border Patrol (USBP), Office of Field Operations (OFO), and Air and Marine Operations (AMO). I applaud the work that your men and women do daily and am thrilled to see this once-in-a-generation investment become reality.

While at home in Arizona's Sixth Congressional District this month, my staff and I have had the opportunity to visit with local U.S. Customs and Border Protection leadership to discuss the highest local priority needs. As a result of these conversations, I write today to urge your agency to fund critical projects in Arizona which I believe will make our state and nation stronger and the border more secure.

- 1. Of the \$855,000 made available for vehicles, I ask that you prioritize the acquisition and delivery of vehicles for areas with rough, mountainous terrain, such of that in Tucson Sector.
- 2. Of the \$5,000,000,000 made available for facilities, I ask that you prioritize the following:
 - a. AMO National Air Security Operations Center-Sierra Vista which is operating out of trailers and in need of permanent admin facilities to accommodate a growing workforce and mission. Additionally, this facility is in need of a new hangar to accommodate both the fleet of current aircraft and additional assets funded through Public Law 119-21.
 - b. AMO Tucson Air Branch which is in need of expanded administrative capacity as they have outgrown their facilities.
 - c. USBP Casa Grande Station which is currently two separate facilities and in need of consolidation and modernization.
 - d. USBP Three Points Station which is a temporary facility in dire need a permanent structure to accommodate Border Patrol agents.

- e. USBP Sonoita Station which was built in 1989 and should be modernized to account for agent growth.
- f. USBP I-19 immigration checkpoint in Amado which needs to be made permanent in order to ensure agent safety.
- g. Outfitting of the Southern Border Intelligence Center (SBIC) operated by the CBP Office of Intelligence for additional classified space.
- 3. Of the \$6,168,000,000 made available for Border Security, Technology and Screening, I ask that you prioritize the following:
 - a. Non-Intrusive Inspection technology for the Mariposa Port of Entry in Nogales for both cars and trucks to ensure full screening capabilities at a port which sees high amounts of fentanyl seizures.
 - b. Enhanced MQ-9B SkyGuardian unmanned aircraft system for the AMO National Air Security Operations Center-Sierra Vista.
 - c. Light Enforcement Helicopters for Tucson Air Branch.
 - d. Additional surveillance technology based on operations, including autonomous surveillance towers; Linear Ground Detection Systems; persistent cross-border tunnel detection; and advanced mobile surveillance systems for USBP in Tucson Sector. Additionally, Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems to deal with persistent and evolving threats from the Mexican Drug Cartels.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter, I look forward to your response and to ensuring that our CBP Agents and Officers have all the tools they need to continue protecting the Homeland.

Sincerely,

Juan Ciscomani Member of Congress