

NATIONAL BORDER PATROL COUNCIL

of the



American Federation of Government Employees Affiliated with AFL-CIO



May 3, 2010

The Honorable Rob Bishop United States House of Representatives 123 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bishop:

Achieving the elusive goal of securing our Nation's borders is complicated by numerous obstacles, including rugged terrain, extreme climatic conditions, an overwhelming amount of illegal traffic, and escalating violence perpetrated by smugglers and other criminals. Bureaucratic regulations that prevent Border Patrol agents from utilizing vehicles and technology on public lands should be the least of their concerns, but unfortunately are not.

The dedicated men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol therefore greatly appreciate H.R. 5016, which would preclude the Secretary of the Department of Interior and/or the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture from impeding, prohibiting, or restricting activities of the Secretary of Homeland Security on public lands to achieve operational control of the border.

Sincerely,

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