

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 8, 2021

The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary  
Department of Homeland Security  
3801 Nebraska Ave N.W.  
Washington, DC 20016

Dear Secretary Mayorkas:

We request the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provide us the briefing previously requested on the status and timeline for implementation of the *Expansion of Arizona and New Mexico Border Zone Travel* pilot program included in *Title II – Security, Enforcement, and Investigations* of the Fiscal Year 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-260).

In your May 24, 2021, letter, you indicated that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) leadership was “working to finalize a timeline for the pilot program to be implemented as soon as the COVID-19 travel restrictions are lifted.” You further indicated the Department would be prepared to provide a briefing when the United States was closer to lifting travel restrictions. With travel restrictions now lifted between the United States and Mexico as of November 8, it is time for the Department to move expeditiously to advance this pilot.

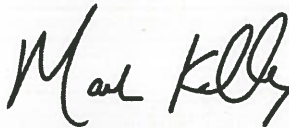
This pilot has the ability to improve efficiency at ports of entry, allowing CBP officers to focus on the agency’s other critical missions, including the flow of commercial trade and the prevention of cross-border crime.

This briefing will ensure Congress understands DHS’s short-term and long-term plans regarding this initiative. We look forward to your update and thank you for your prompt attention.

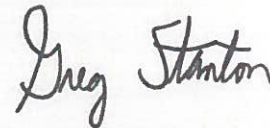
Sincerely,



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U.S. Senate



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cc: The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chair, House Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard, Chairwoman, Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee