



Building Industry Association
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Senator Ron Wyden, Chairman
Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests
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Dear Senator Wyden:

The Building Industry of Southern New Mexico (BIA) is a non-profit trade association of over 400 members and represents the residential and commercial home building industry in our region. Its designated membership area includes all of Dona Ana County as well as the Truth or Consequences and Deming areas.

Our association is very concerned about provisions in S. 1024 which would limit or prevent the Border Patrol from accomplishing their mission. Furthermore, those same provisions would disallow or delay the maintenance of existing flood control structures and prohibit the construction of new structures.

Primarily for those reasons the BIA is opposed to the passage of S. 1024 in its current form.

Please include this letter in the official record.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Farrell Thurston', written in a cursive style.

Farrell Thurston
President