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**People for Preservation of Western Heritage  
585 South Valley Drive  
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**Dear Sirs:**

Reference is made to your proposal to seek federal legislation tentatively titled "Dona Ana County Planned Growth, Open Space, and Rangeland Preservation Act of 2008."

We note that your proposal calls for unrestricted access to border areas for Homeland Security operations. This item is one of nine (9) conditions which you have identified as "Standards of Expectations" in your Executive Summary.

The National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers (NAFBPO) supports your initiative to insure Homeland Security access to areas on or near international borders. As you know, national security issues are properly among our nation's highest priorities.

As the legislative process advances, we recommend that the proposed legislation contain specific reference to authorities granted to the Secretary of Homeland Security. Some of these authorities are contained in Section 102(c) of the Illegal Immigration & Reform and Immigrant Responsibility act of 1996 (Title 8 U.S.C. 1103) and waiver authority contained in Section 3 of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-13.) While these citations are not all inclusive, they are mentioned as a resource which may be useful when final terminology is completed.

Sincerely,

**Gene Wood  
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Border Patrol Officers**