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TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DISTRICT 76

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Director Steven McCraw
Texas Department of Public Safety
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Dear Director McCraw:

Thank you for your prompt response to my letter dated March 10, 2015, requesting metrics on Operation Strong Safety (OSS). I also appreciate your taking the time to personally speak with me regarding some of my follow up questions.

Your written response stated that there have been 77,130 apprehensions from June 23, 2014 through February 21, 2015 by all members engaged in OSS. During our conversation, you explained that the 77,130 total included apprehensions made by Customs and Border Protection. Per our conversation, kindly provide data on the following:

- The number of apprehensions related to OSS solely by DPS;
- The number of apprehensions related to OSS solely by local law enforcement agencies;
- The number of drug-related apprehensions related to OSS solely by DPS;
- The number of traffic citations, if any, included in the 77,130 figure you reported to our office;
- Of the total appropriation DPS has requested, the total funds that DPS plans to reserve exclusively for border security; and
- The number of traffic citations DPS has issued in the area covered by OSS since June 23, 2014.

As we continue to address border security issues, it is imperative that lawmakers have information on the outcomes of Operation Strong Safety and on other activities related to border security. I look forward to your prompt response. Thank you for your dedicated service.

Sincerely,

Cesar J. Blanco
State Representative (HD-76)