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March 12, 2015

The Honorable César J. Blanco
Texas House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Dear Representative Blanco,

The Department of Public Safety provides the following responses to your request for information dated March 10, 2015.

1. The number of individuals with whom DPS made contact.

Operation Strong Safety (OSS) is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdiction law enforcement operation conducted primarily in Starr and Hidalgo counties. This operation began on June 23, 2014. From June 23, 2014 through February 21, 2015, there have been 77,130 apprehensions by all members engaged in OSS. These numbers include individuals that were observed and reported to Operation Strong Safety by Texas Military Force personnel engaged in Operation Strong Safety.

2. The number of arrests and the charges associated with the arrest, if applicable.

All 77,130 individuals suspected or detained for illegal entry were promptly turned over to U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) for processing and/or investigation. The Department of Public Safety does not track dispositions on individuals referred to a Federal agency for investigation into their immigration status.

3. The number of individuals released.

The Department of Public Safety does not possess this information. Once an individual is turned over to CBP, the department has no further contact or information about that individual.

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4. *The number of individuals who were U.S. citizens.*

The Department of Public Safety does not possess this information. The Department of Public Safety does not track the dispositions on the results of immigration status determinations by CBP.

5. *The number of individuals who were legal permanent residents or present in the country legally.*

The Department of Public Safety does not possess this information. The Department of Public Safety does not track the dispositions on the results of immigration status determined by CBP.

6. *The number of individuals who were present in the country without lawful status.*

The Department of Public Safety does not possess this information. The Department of Public Safety does not track the dispositions on the results of immigration status determinations by CBP.

Sincerely,



Steven C. McCraw
Director