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July 1, 2009

Dear Coalition Member:

Enclosed is an invoice dated July 1, 2009 for your county's 2009/2010 membership dues for the US/Mexico Border Counties Coalition. Please note that this invoice reflects a ¼% automatic dues increase as adopted by the Board in March 2006. Your prompt payment of these dues will be most appreciated and will allow us to continue the vital work of the Coalition.

The US/Mexico Border Counties Coalition continues to strongly represent your interests and is recognized in Washington, D.C. as a leading advocate for border issues.

The Coalition again has continued its advocacy for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) and the Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative (SWBPI). The Coalition met with the White House and with key Members of Congress and reiterated once again the importance of these programs to border counties. The Coalition has also collaborated with the Southwest Border Sheriffs Association in support of SCAAP and SWBPI. As of this date, the House has included \$400 million for SCAAP and \$30 million for SWBPI in its Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Senate action is pending but staff has been meeting with Senate appropriators to secure and increase these funding levels.

Section 1011 reauthorization remains a high priority for the Coalition. Section 1011 reimburses hospitals and doctors for who treat undocumented immigrants in an emergency room setting. We are working with the American Hospital Association and other interested organizations in a united effort to get Section 1011 reauthorized.

The Coalition has established a sound working relationship with the new Obama Administration and is actively engaged in dialogues with them regarding immigration reform and border security, among others.

Please renew your support today or, if you haven't joined previously, please join with your fellow border counties to make a positive difference for our communities.

Our annual Border Conference will be held on September 11 and 12 in El Paso, Texas. We anticipate a very informative and entertaining conference. Registration and agenda information will be available soon on our website, www.bordercounties.org. Please help us make this conference a success with your active participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Austin".

David M. Austin
Border Representative

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ON: 7/17/09 BY: [Signature]

The United States/Mexico Border Counties Coalition

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Date	Invoice #
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Bill To
The Honorable J.D. Salinas Hidalgo County PO Box 1356 Edinburg TX 78540

Description	Amount
Membership dues - 2009/2010	10,768.91
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Please remit to above address. Thanks! <u>9-1100-413-30-115-017-0-810</u>	Total <u>\$10,768.91</u>