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July 1, 2011

Dear Coalition Member:

Enclosed is an invoice dated July 1, 2011 for your county's 2011/2012 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 continues its advocacy for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) and the Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative (SWBPI). The President's FY2012 Budget included a request for SCAAP funding, albeit at a significantly reduced level of \$131 million. We are pleased that SCAAP is again included in the budget request, but we will strive to get the funding level increased in the final appropriation.

Unfortunately, the budget request did not include funding for SWBPI. We are working with our border Representatives and Senators and other key committee members to retain this important program.

We also continue to monitor developments related to border security and immigration reform.

These and other topics will be the focus of our annual Border Conference scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, to be held in San Diego County, California. Our host conference hotel will be the Omni San Diego, located at the entrance to the Gas Lamp Quarter in downtown San Diego. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin is our invited keynote speaker. We expect to have a very robust program. Your attendance will ensure that.

Please renew your membership today! If you have not contributed previously, now is the time to unite with fellow border counties to make a positive difference for our communities.

Sincerely,

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

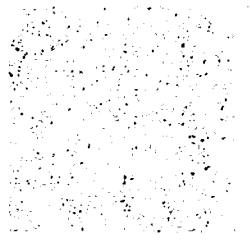
David M. Austin  
Border Representative

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Bill To
The Honorable Ramon Garcia Hidalgo County PO Box 1356 Edinburg TX 78540

Description	Amount
US/Mexico Border Counties Coalition Annual Dues - 2011/2012	11,314.08
Please remit to above address. Thanks!	<b>Total</b> \$11,314.08