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The Honorable Eduardo Medina-Mora
Ambassador
Embassy of Mexico
1911 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ambassador Medina-Mora:

Thank you for your March 15th letter regarding the Treaty on the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande and water availability. As you know, this issue is extremely important to the communities I, and my Congressional colleagues, represent in the State of Texas.

The relationship between the United States and Mexico is the strongest it's been in 150 years. This partnership between our nations offers us the opportunity to find an amiable solution to the matter of water transfers between our nations - a problem that has existed for many years. I understand the difficulties that have existed in the past in honoring the terms of the Utilization of Waters Treaty, and the complications that have lead to those difficulties.

I respectfully request that representatives of our two nations immediately begin working on a water management plan that recognizes the history and complications the treaty has experienced over the past half-century. This proposed water management plan should offer immediate and long-term solutions to water transfers and payments. I would like to invite representatives of both nations to participate in discussions starting in my hometown of Laredo, Texas (a place between El Paso and Brownsville) on preparing a water management plan that works for both the United States and Mexico. In the immediate future, any good faith steps by Mexico would be appreciated in showing the commitment of your nation to the agreement and to the communities of the border region.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and I offer my assistance in any way to bring this to an amenable conclusion. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at (202) 225-1640 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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