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The Honorable Michael McCaul
U.S. House of Representatives
131 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman McCaul:

I write on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 elected sheriffs nationwide to express our support for the *Border Security Results Act of 2013* (H.R. 1417). This bill addresses many of our important law enforcement issues by requiring that the Secretary of Homeland Security develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to gain and maintain operational control of the international borders of the United States.

Sheriffs know firsthand how detrimental ineffective border control is for national security and the safety of our local communities. For example, recent surveillance from unmanned aerial vehicles found that U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents are unable to apprehend almost half of the illegal immigrants crossing the nation's southwest border. Your bill will be very helpful to local law enforcement by requiring the Secretary of Homeland Security to evaluate the success of current border security strategies and modify existing strategies to achieve optimal levels of situational awareness and operational border control.

Accordingly, NSA thanks you for your leadership on the *Border Security Results Act of 2013*; and the nation's sheriffs stand ready to assist you in passing this critical homeland and hometown security legislation during the 113th Congress.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron D. Kennard". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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