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Mission:

**To make Legislative
recommendations to help
the Texas Border Region
grow and prosper
economically.**



March 17, 2010

Via fax to: (512) 463-1849

The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

In re: Request for consultation regarding the Spillover Violence Contingency Plan

Dear Governor Perry:

Along with my elected colleagues on the border, I have watched with interest the announcement that you are activating the first phase of your Spillover Violence Contingency Plan.

We live on the border and have responsibility for our communities and our citizens. However, at this point we are learning about your plans from the media, along with everyone else. This makes it impossible for us to coordinate with your office to create the most effective strategy to keep our border communities safe.

We would ask that you do us the courtesy of consulting with our coalition of elected mayors and county judges along the border, so that the state's activities can be coordinated and we can have the best possible response to ensure that no violence spills over onto Texas soil.

We appreciate your concern for the border region and the safety of our citizens. Please keep in mind that as Texans who live, work and raise our families in close proximity to the Texas-Mexico border, no one has a bigger stake in border security than we do.

Thank you for your consideration. You can reach me or my city manager, Frances Rodriguez, at Del Rio City Hall at (830) 744-8558.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Efrain V. Valdez". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a faint, light-colored rectangular box.

Efrain Valdez
Mayor of Del Rio and Chairman, Texas Border Coalition