Exhibit 7
I will never waver from my sacred duty to defend this Nation and its people. We will get the job done.

*President Donald J. Trump*

**SECURING OUR BORDER:** President Donald J. Trump is following through on his promise to secure the border with legislation and Executive action.

- President Trump was elected partly on his promise to secure the Southern Border with a barrier and, since his first day in office, he has been following through on that promise.

- As the President has said, sections of the border wall are already being built, and legislation and Executive actions are building on that progress.

- Executive action being taken by the President makes available additional funding to secure our border that is essential to our national security.
LEGISLATIVE WINS: President Trump secured a number of significant legislative victories in the Homeland Security appropriations bill that further his effort to secure the Southern Border and protect our country.

- The funding bill contains robust resources and additional provisions to secure the border and strengthen immigration enforcement.

- The bill provides $1.375 billion for approximately 55 miles of border barrier in highly dangerous and drug smuggling areas in the Rio Grande Valley, where it is desperately needed.
  - More than 40 percent of all border apprehensions occurred in the Rio Grande Valley sector in fiscal year (FY) 2018.
  - The Rio Grande Valley was the border sector with the most known deaths of illegal border crossers in FY 2018.

- $415 million will go toward addressing the humanitarian crisis at the border by providing medical care, transportation, processing centers, and consumables.

- President Trump successfully rejected efforts by some to undercut Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) ability to uphold our laws and detain illegal aliens, including criminals.
  - ICE funding supports nearly 5,000 additional beds to detain illegal aliens and keep criminals off our streets.

- Customs and Border Protection will receive funding for 600 additional officers.

- This bill will help keep deadly drugs out of our communities by increasing drug detection at ports of entry, including opioid detection staffing, labs, and equipment.

A PROMISE TO ACT: President Trump is taking Executive action to ensure we stop the national security and humanitarian crisis at our Southern Border.
• President Trump is using his legal authority to take Executive action to secure additional resources, just as he promised. In part, he is declaring a national emergency that makes available additional troops and funding for military construction.

• Including funding in Homeland Security appropriations, the Administration has so far identified up to $8.1 billion that will be available to build the border wall once a national emergency is declared and additional funds have been reprogrammed, including:
  • About $601 million from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund
  • Up to $2.5 billion under the Department of Defense funds transferred for Support for Counterdrug Activities (Title 10 United States Code, section 284)
  • Up to $3.6 billion reallocated from Department of Defense military construction projects under the President’s declaration of a national emergency (Title 10 United States Code, section 2808)

• These funding sources will be used sequentially and as needed.

• The Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense, and the Army Corps of Engineers are working to create a prioritized list of segments and a work plan for the remainder of FY 2019 and beyond.
  • New projects could include: new levee wall, new and replacement primary pedestrian barrier, new vehicle-to-pedestrian barrier, and new secondary barrier.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY ON OUR BORDER: The President is using his clear authority to declare a national emergency as allowed under the National Emergencies Act.

• Since 1976, presidents have declared nearly 60 national emergencies.
  • Most of the previously declared national emergencies have been continually renewed and are still in effect, after being continually renewed.

• Multiple Governors have declared states of emergency along the border in the past.
• Former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, who became President Obama’s DHS Secretary, declared a state of emergency along the border in 2005.

• Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson also declared a state of emergency at the border in 2005.

• Former President George W. Bush and former President Obama both directed the use of the military to assist DHS in securing and managing the Southern Border.

• Former President Bush declared a national emergency in 2001, which invoked reprogramming authority granted by Title 10 United States Code, section 2808, and both he and former President Obama used that authority a total of 18 times to fund projects between 2001 and 2014.

ADDRESSING THE CRISIS AT HAND: President Trump is taking the necessary steps to address the crisis at our Southern Border and stop crime and drugs from flooding into our Nation.

• Cartels, traffickers, and gangs, like the vile MS-13 gang, have taken advantage of our weak borders for their own gain.

• Immigration officers have made 266,000 arrests of criminal aliens in the last two fiscal years.
  • This includes aliens charged or convicted of approximately 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes, and 4,000 killings.

• Tons of deadly drugs have flooded across the border and into our communities, taking countless American lives.
  • Methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl all flow across our Southern Border and destroy our communities.
  • More than 70,000 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2017 alone.

• Human traffickers exploit our borders to traffic young girls and women into our country and sell them into prostitution and slavery.
• Massive caravans of migrants view our unsecure border as a way to gain illegal entry into our country and take advantage of our nonsensical immigration loopholes.