



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



*between*

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

*and*

**THE FREE AND SOVEREIGN STATE OF TAMAULIPAS**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING made by and between the State of Texas and the Free and Sovereign State of Tamaulipas (“Memorandum”). The State of Texas is referred to as “Texas”; the Free and Sovereign State of Tamaulipas is referred to as “Tamaulipas”; individually, each party may be referred to as a “State”; and collectively, the parties are referred to as “States.”

WHEREAS, the States have a mutual interest in ensuring that their shared border is secure; and

WHEREAS, Texas anticipates a significant rise in cartel-facilitated smuggling through the use of unsafe vehicles due to President Biden’s decision to end Title 42 expulsions; and

WHEREAS, Texas has implemented enhanced safety inspections of vehicles as they cross international ports of entry to reduce the number of unsafe vehicles that enter Texas; and

WHEREAS, these inspections—which have revealed that almost 25% of the commercial vehicles that crossed into Texas were unsafe—have slowed border crossings for commercial vehicles; and

WHEREAS, given the importance of trade between Texas and Tamaulipas, it is in the best interests of the States to enter into this Memorandum;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Texas and Tamaulipas will reduce the number of unsafe vehicles approaching the border, and the corresponding need for enhanced safety inspections, by using their best efforts as follows:

1. The States will work cooperatively to ensure that vehicles crossing an international port of entry meet the safety standards applicable in each State.
2. The States will work cooperatively to reduce the cartels’ human trafficking and smuggling of deadly fentanyl and other drugs across and between ports of entry.
3. The States will work cooperatively to stop the flow of migrants who illegally enter Texas through Tamaulipas.
4. Tamaulipas will enhance border security enforcement measures on the Tamaulipas side of the border, both at points of entry and along the Rio Grande, to prevent illegal immigration from Tamaulipas into Texas by committing to the following:

- a. Operate checkpoints already established in different parts of the State in order to detect the arrival of immigrants before they enter Tamaulipas. Once migrants are detected at these checkpoints they will be returned to the federal immigration authorities.
  - b. At the Municipal level, in both borders, special teams of personnel and motor equipment will be designated to prevent the crossing of immigrants arriving at the ports of Nuevo Laredo, Miguel Alemán, Camargo, Reynosa, Nuevo Progreso, and Matamoros, in order to ensure that no migrant shall cross the border at those locations – including providing resources to respond to hot spot areas as identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety.
  - c. In particular, Tamaulipas will devote the resources, personnel and tactics necessary to prevent and disrupt illegal crossings in low water areas, into Hidalgo County and Starr County.
5. In particular, Tamaulipas will enhance existing checkpoints in Tula (on the border with the State of San Luis Potosí), Moralillo (border with the State of Veracruz), Periquitos (Police Station, road leading to Reynosa), González Villarreal (Police Station, leading to Matamoros) and in Ciudad Victoria (Police Station near the Airport).
  6. In addition, the establishment of joint and recurrent river operations along the Río Grande from Hidalgo County to Starr County in an effort to curb illegal activities including human trafficking, and drug smuggling while disrupting organized crime activities.
  7. Tamaulipas will use its newly inaugurated C5 (command, control, computers, communications, cyber-defense) facility in Reynosa to surveille crossing points and high traffic areas along the Rio Grande and share information with the Texas Department of Public Safety as appropriate to use as a first alert system.
  8. The States will work cooperatively to restore the border-crossing inspections process to allow crossings at a faster pace.

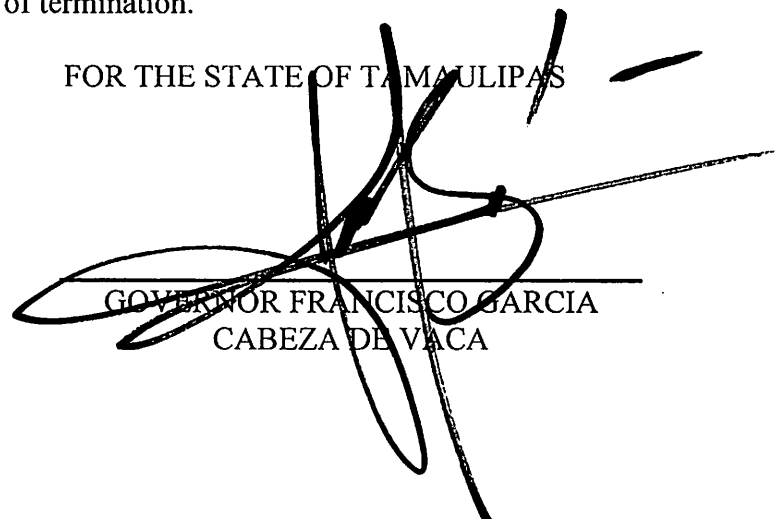
This Memorandum may be modified by mutual consent of the States in writing. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Memorandum, the Memorandum may be terminated by either State upon written notice thirty days before the date of termination.

FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

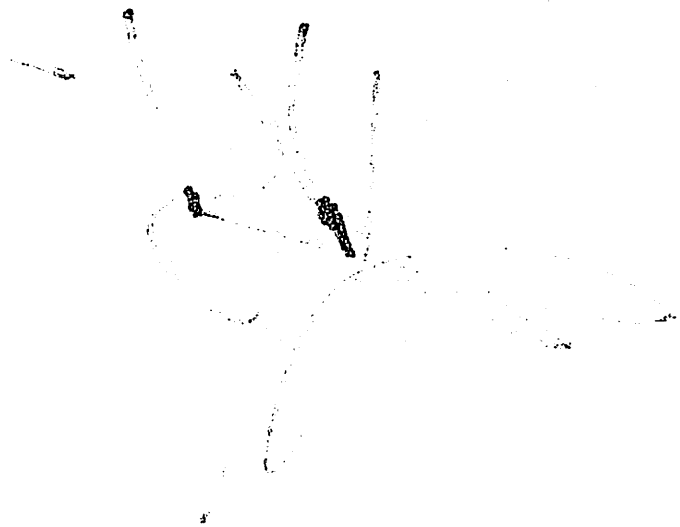


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