



December 10, 2008

The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Governor
State of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Congratulations

Dear Governor Napolitano,

On behalf of the Greater Nogales and Santa Cruz County Port Authority (the Port Authority) it is with great pleasure that I write to congratulate you on being selected by President-Elect Barack Obama as his designee for Secretary of Homeland Security.

Your efforts on behalf of the border region and Arizona have been an example of reality-based decision making. Your hands on experience as a Governor of a border state offers you a different perspective than those who seek to just decide what is best for the border without knowing the border.

Since its inception, the Port Authority has enjoyed its working relationship with you and your entire administration on a variety of critical issues. In particular the construction of the Free and Secure Trade (FAST) lanes at Mariposa and the \$13.7 million to pay for the design phase of the Mariposa Reconfiguration project are clear examples of your focus on achieving results. We remain committed to ensuring that the construction phase of the Mariposa Project, a national priority project, is funded and undertaken as quickly as possible.

We look forward to our continued working relationship with you in your new responsibilities.

Respectfully,

James B. Manson
Chairman