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Press Release

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FBP's Andy Ramirez to testify before Sensenbrenner Committee in El Paso, TX

Also, Ramos-Compean Legal Defense Fund & Info update

The House Committee on the Judiciary led by Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner has asked Andy Ramirez, chairman of the non-profit Friends of the Border Patrol, El Paso County Sheriff Leo Samaniego, and others to testify at their upcoming field hearing.

The oversight hearing is entitled "Should Mexico Hold Veto Power Over U.S. Border Security Decisions?" and will take place on Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chamizal National Memorial Park Theater, El Paso, Texas.

Ramirez, who previously testified last month at the recent House International Relations Committee's Subcommittee on Terrorism and Nonproliferation hearing in San Diego, will discuss border security, including the S. 2611 provision which would require consultation with Mexico on plans to build a border fence.

Ramirez is also going to discuss the case of El Paso Border Patrol agents, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, who were prosecuted and convicted earlier this year by an overzealous prosecutor for shooting a drug smuggler in the buttocks, while giving immunity to a known drug smuggler though the vehicle he abandoned during the incident had a drug load with over 700 pounds of narcotics. FBP is the sole organization that has supported the agents and families throughout this travesty.

FBP has created the Ramos-Compean Legal Defense Fund. People can help with legal costs by sending contributions, letters of support to the agent, and letters to Judge Cardone. Send all letters and contributions to our P.O. Box 2685, Covina, CA 91722 and they will be properly forwarded to the agents. This is set up to ensure the safety of the agents and their families who were threatened by the smuggler's associates.

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