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El Paso Fraternal Order of Police Supports Border Patrol Agents in Shooting Incident

The El Paso Federal Officer's Regional Lodge #82, El Paso, Texas representing the federal officers of the West Texas, New Mexico area stands fully behind and supports, Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean in their fight to have their recent convictions overturned.

"After personally hearing the testimony of Andy Ramirez, Chairman of the *"Friends of the Border Patrol"* before the US House Committee on the Judiciary, in El Paso, Texas on August 17, 2006, it was obvious that a gross injustice has been committed. There are numerous irregularities (e.g., no change of venue, restricted testimony, restricted evidence, overzealous prosecutor, government corruption, jury misconduct) that have been identified in this case to call for an official investigation," stated Mark Parsons, president of El Paso's Lodge 82. "We want to personally thank Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner in officially announcing at this committee meeting that they would call for an investigation into the allegations."

Our organization also fully supports the "Friends of the Border Patrol (FBP)" in their aggressive efforts in seeking the truth and justice in this case. The FBP has set up a Legal Defense Fund to help with the agents mounting legal costs. We encourage anyone who wishes to assist, to send their contributions and letters of support to: Friends of the Border Patrol, Attention: Ramos-Compean Legal Defense Fund, PO Box 2685, Covina, California 91722. All donations will go directly for legal defense costs.

We also urge all law enforcement officers to send letters to, Judge Kathleen Cardone, US Federal Court House, El Paso, TX 79911, to have her declare a mistrial in this matter, or write President George W. Bush, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington DC 20500, to request an official pardon if these convictions are left to stand.

Our Lodge is the only Federal Officer's Lodge in the West Texas-New Mexico area. Our jurisdiction includes everything "West Of the Pecos River" into New Mexico all the way to Antelope Wells, New Mexico. Our membership is open to any regularly appointed federal officer of the United States of America. The FOP represents 330,000 members nationwide.

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