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SUBJECT: Additional Bollard Wall and Gates in El Paso, Texas

To Whom it May Concern:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) proposes to design and construct new border wall system in El Paso, Texas. The proposed action includes the construction of an additional 0.09 miles of 18-foot bollard wall and associated gates in El Paso, Texas, to support U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) operations. Currently, a gap exists between where the border wall ends, southwest of the Leon Wasteway Spillway, and the existing wire mesh fence begins (see enclosed Maps). The proposed action would close the gap between the border wall and legacy fence while providing access through three gates that would improve security for the El Paso area. Due to the proximity to homes and businesses, illegal crossings are difficult to detect in this area.

CBP will be conducting an analysis of the proposed action pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 4321 et seq. CBP is soliciting your input and comments concerning the potential impacts of the proposed action, including potential impacts to the environment, culture, commerce, and quality of life. In order to be considered, comments must be received by Friday, September 4, 2020.

Comments can be emailed to CBP at ElPasoComments@cbp.dhs.gov. Please include “El Paso Border Wall and Gates” in the subject of your email. Comments received in response to this letter, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become a part of the public record.

We appreciate your feedback and help with evaluating the potential impacts of these projects.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Overview Map of Proposed Action