

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Commissioner Edward Drusina
International Boundary and Water Commission
4171 North Mesa, Suite C-100
El Paso, TX 79902-1441

Dear Commissioner Drusina:

We are writing regarding our concern about the current water situation along the Texas border. We have been contacted by several municipalities which have indicated that they will soon run out of water due to drought conditions and the lack of inflows from the Rio Grande River.

As you know, under the 1944 Guadalupe Water Treaty, Mexico is obligated to provide water to the United States. To date, they are significantly behind in their water payments and we understand that they are constructing several new water reservoirs in Chihuahua that will further restrict water flows to the river.

The IBWC is the agency responsible for insuring the compliance of all parties to this treaty and we urge you to aggressively work with the Mexican authorities to resolve this situation and bring Mexico's payments to their required treaty levels.

Without more water, not only will our agricultural losses be substantial, but our water districts will not be able to provide water to our communities.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Rubén Hinojosa
Member of Congress



Henry Cuellar
Member of Congress



Filemon Vela
Member of Congress



Pete Gallego
Member of Congress