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Hon. Michael McCaul
2001 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative McCaul:

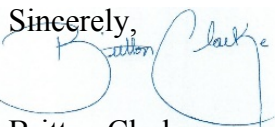
I write to you to offer the support of the Border Trade Alliance for your Border Security for America Act of 2017. The legislation is an important and necessary step toward ensuring that our borders remain secure and that cross-border trade can be conducted in a safe and secure environment.

The BTA, whose members' livelihoods depend on their ability to efficiently move freight across the U.S. land borders, is especially gratified by your bill's focus on operations at the land border ports of entry.

Your bill wisely seeks to ensure that our international borders with Canada and Mexico have the personnel necessary to process legitimate cross-border trade and travel securely and efficiently. By increasing the number of frontline officers, Customs and Border Protection can devote the manpower necessary to interdict those individuals who would seek to do us harm, while facilitating the passage of freight and travelers into the U.S.

We also appreciate your legislation's call to modernize the infrastructure of the highest trade volume ports along the U.S.-Mexico border. Our ports of entry are a critical element of our country's economic health. Bottlenecks cost manufacturers and consumers money and they cost jobs, harming the country's overall economic competitiveness. A commitment to personnel and infrastructure gives our country an immediate return on investment.

We look forward to working with you in the coming months to see the Border Security for America Act through to passage and onto the President's desk. Thank you again for your commitment to better borders. Please do not hesitate to count on the BTA and our years of cross-border trade experience throughout the legislative process.

Sincerely,


Britton Clarke
President