

Congressman Ron Paul Stands Up for National Sovereignty

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New Orleans, LA — Congressman Ron Paul issued a statement which was read at a news conference in New Orleans in advance of a Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) summit meeting between President Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and Mexican President Felipe Calderon. The Conservative Caucus held the news conference in opposition to the SPP, sharing the belief with Congressman Paul and many others that the SPP threatens national sovereignty.

Congressman Paul's remarks focused on his continued opposition to the Trans Texas Corridor and the NAFTA Super Highway :

“As we all know, there have been significant moves recently to expand the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) initiated by President Bush and his Mexican and Canadian counterparts in 2005. One such plan is to construct a so-called “NAFTA Superhighway” running from Mexico , through Texas , and up eventually into Canada . I have opposed this project from the beginning, signing on as a co-sponsor of House Concurrent Resolution 40 expressing Congressional disapproval of the NAFTA Superhighway and any moves toward a North American Union.

More recently, I introduced an even stronger piece of legislation, H.R.5191, which would prohibit the use of federal funds to carry out this highway project. The federal government has no business being partner to this outrageous plan, according to which countless landowners would have their private property confiscated under eminent domain. This prohibition of funds, if

passed, would go a long way toward derailing this ill-conceived project and would send a clear message that further attempts to undermine US sovereignty would not be unchallenged in Congress. It is long past time the United States House and Senate start taking our Constitutional oversight roles seriously.”