

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

January 18, 2019

His Excellency Geronimo Gutiérrez
The Ambassador of Mexico
1911 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ambassador Gutiérrez:

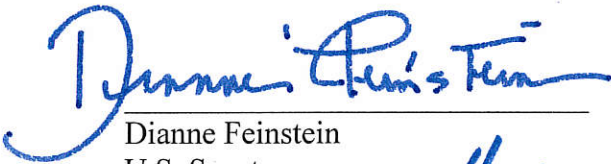
We write today to raise the ongoing issue of pollution in the Tijuana River Valley and request that Mexico make every effort to address the recent sewage spill in Tijuana.

As you know, the "Collector Poniente" in Tijuana ruptured on December 10, 2018, and discharged over six million gallons of raw sewage per day into the Tijuana River. These frequent sewage spills result in unsanitary water conditions, pollution, and beach closures in San Diego County. Beyond damaging public and private property, transboundary flows harm sensitive wildlife areas that are home to hundreds of species of land and marine animals. In addition, the pollution in the Tijuana River Valley is a significant public health risk to local residents and is a disruption to the binational business community.

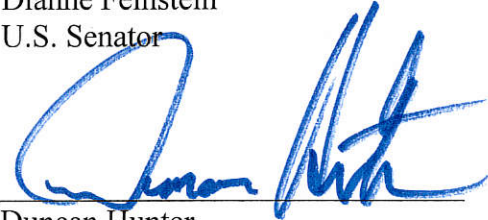
It is critical that the Mexican government invest in wastewater infrastructure upgrades in Tijuana to combat a problem that affects citizens on both sides of the border. We ask that you work diligently to fix the ruptured "Collector Poniente" and provide the appropriate local agencies with adequate resources to mitigate the effects of these frequent sewage spills.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely



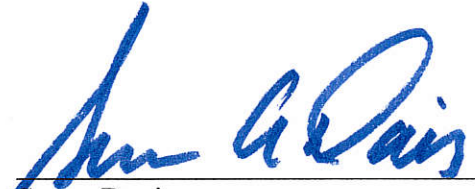
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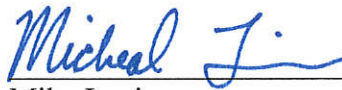
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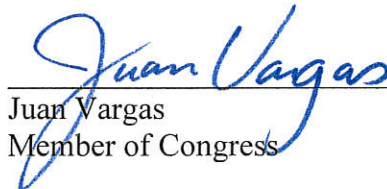
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