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Representative-elect Raul M. Grijalva said he planned to ask for a federal investigation of private groups that *patrol* the Mexican *border*, trying to deter illegal immigrants.

"These militia and vigilante groups bring a racist and anti-immigrant perspective," Mr. Grijalva, left, said. A Tombstone newspaper publisher, Chris Simcox, has started a recruitment drive for his **border patrol** group, Civil Homeland Defense. He has denied accusations of racism, saying that the presence of armed civilians on the **border** is meant to reduce drug dealing and other criminal activity.

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