

INT. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - DAY

In the governor's office a press conference is set with both Governor Abbott and Governor Campos holding it. In the background we can see part of their respective support teams. There's also an arrangement of flags of the countries and states that each of them represents.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT

Thank you, everybody, for joining with us. I'm joined today by Chihuahua Governor Campos. Working together today, we're showing how border governors can achieve results. Border bridges have become clogged because of a policy that Texas has implemented to thoroughly inspect vehicles coming across the border from Mexico.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)

At the same time, Texas has been overrun with a record number of immigrants illegally crossing from Mexico into Texas with the assistance of cartels. Governor Campos and I reached an agreement that addresses both of these issues. We discussed border security at length.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)

Governor Campos has provided me with the best border security plan that I've seen from any governor from Mexico. Let me show you a couple of things...

Governor Abbott reaches a document and shows it to the press in front of him.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)

She provided me with a memorandum that provides, in multiple pages and great details, an outline of what she is implementing in Chihuahua. She said that there is a much more detailed, extensive memo that explains in nuance all the aspects she puts here.

Governor Abbott reaches a piece of paper and shows it to the press in front of him.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)

As she, I think, will explain later, there are important strategies that Chihuahua is implementing that are outlined on this note card that go into great detail that demonstrate that Chihuahua is doing more than just talking about this.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)

They have an organized game plan to step up and to address illegal immigration from Chihuahua into Texas.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)

Governor Campos has begun and will continue to enhance border security enforcement measures on the Mexico side of the border, both at ports of entry as well as along the border, to prevent illegal immigration from Chihuahua into the state of Texas. She and her administration will collaborate closely with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)

Since Chihuahua has detailed a plan to secure the Mexico side of the border, the Texas Department of Public Safety can return to its previous strategy of random searches of vehicles crossing the bridge from Chihuahua. As a result, the effect will be that the bridge between Chihuahua and Texas will return to normal immediately.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)

My office and the Texas Secretary of State have also been contacted about board issues by the governors of Tamaulipas and Coelho, and after this meeting, I will be meeting with the governor from Coahuila, and I look forward to having the opportunity to meet with the governor from Tamaulipas, which may occur as soon as tomorrow, where we will be working to achieve similar results. Until

(MORE)

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
those agreements can be achieved,
however, the Texas Department of
Public Safety will continue to
thoroughly inspect all commercial
vehicles entering into the United
States or into the state of Texas
from every Mexican state except
Nueva León and Chihuahua.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
With great gratitude, I now turn
the microphone over to Governor
Campos, governor of Chihuahua.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS
Thank you so much.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
First of all, I would want to say
thank you to Governor Abbott
because his willingness, his
openness, his attitude to
negotiate and have really clear
what are the interests among the
state of Texas and the state of
Chihuahua. Thank you so much for
you, and thank you so much for his
teamwork as well.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
I would like to tell you that I
presented Texas State a very sound
public policy among the security
of the border, which relates
Juarez and Texas, and it's a sound
public policy that it was
implemented when myself was mayor
in Chihuahua City during six
years, and it was evaluated as a
successful public policy. So now
we're implementing this policy in
Juarez. We are relocating the
public safety secretary in Ciudad
Juarez because we know it is a
priority, and we are investing
more than \$200 million in this
public policy, which includes a
lot of technology, high-profile
technology, in order to take care
of our borders and in order to
take care of the commercial trade
that we have already among the
states, among Texas and Chihuahua.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT
Very good.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
We're going to sign the agreement
before we do, and I want to
highlight one paragraph that is of
great importance.

Governor Abbott starts to read the memorandum.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
It says that Chihuahua has begun
and will continue to enhance
border security enforcement
measures on the Chihuahua side of
the border, both at ports of entry
and along the Rio Grande River, to
prevent illegal immigration from
Chihuahua into Texas. These
measures will include the Sentinel
platform, which is a technological
investment of approximately \$200
million that will allow Chihuahua
State Police to track vehicles
from the moment they leave an
industrial park in Juarez until
they cross the border into Texas.
In addition, the state of
Chihuahua is incorporating
technologies such as drones to
patrol the border, artificial
intelligence databases connected
to driver's license registry, and
biometric filters to assist in the
capture of cartel leaders.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
This is a demonstration of
commitment from a strong governor
who is working collaboratively
with the state of Texas, and I'm
proud to sign the agreement with
her at this time.

Governor Abbott take his marker to sign a document.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS
I will call it as a new border
model.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
So thank you very much, Governor
Abbott, for making it possible.

Both of them shake their hands.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT
Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS
Thank you so much.

Both of them start signing the documents.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT
Texas and Chihuahua now have
agreed to both secure the border,
as well as to get commercial
vehicles moving through the ports.

Members of the press begin to take photos.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
We'll take a few questions.

JOURNALIST #1
Governor Campos, will this
inspection be of every commercial
vehicle that comes through, or is
it completely different, and how
is this different from what you
are treating?

GOVERNOR CAMPOS
Well, the difference, let me tell
you. Let me enumerate an order of
tools that we are expecting to
implement in this Sentinel
platform.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
And this Sentinel platform is a
tool that we are having in order
to keep the security of our
borders. We're talking about these
tools. We're talking about sharing
information and intelligence among
states, which means that the state
of Texas could have eyes in this
side of the border. I don't know if
you had it before.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
The Sentinel platform will include
almost 10,000 cameras, 2,000 video
analytical and license plate
recognition, 11 biometric filters
and facial recognition, and we
will build a safe border through
(MORE)

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
air patrol, as well, migrant
biometrics and personal
information database by driver
license registry, anti-drone
system, which is not happening
already, capture cartel leaders.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
We have captured some cartel
leaders. We have seven months
already in office, and we have
extradited two important cartel
leaders to the U.S., and we have
captured more of them, but, well,
this is not like really public.
And these captured cartel leaders
are based in both database, which
means drugs and human trafficking.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
Artificial intelligence system
based in algorithms and trade, as
Governor Abbott said, truck,
commercial trucks that come from
industrial parks in Juarez, as
well as other parts of our state,
and keep a permanent track of
every shipment. This is the
difference.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
It's an investment that never
before in the history of Chihuahua
State has been done, and that the
information that we will get will
be analyzed from the Texas State
and from the Chihuahua State. So
we will share the information, but
we will share also the analysis,
and we will help each other to
capture these people, and I want
you to sensibilize on what all
these tools can help us in order
to maintain security in our
borders.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
I'm sure that any other state in
Mexico, I respect a lot my
colleagues, my governor's
colleagues, but we already have an
action plan. We already know what
we're going to do, and we already
know that by August of this year,
(MORE)

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
we will finish the implementation
of this plan, because we have been
working since we took office in
September of 2021.

JOURNALIST #1
You've already been doing this
then.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS
I'm sorry?

JOURNALIST #1
You've already been doing this.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS
Well, I did it when I was a mayor
in Chihuahua's capital during
almost six years, and it was a
successful public policy. It was
recognized by the academia, by the
productive sector, by the civic
society organizations, so I'm sure
that it's going to be successful
for Texas and for Chihuahua as
well.

JOURNALIST #2
Governor Abbott, I'm curious, if
some of the backlog that we saw as
a result of the particular
inspections were perceivable, as
you suggested last week with that
traffic, why not start with these
negotiations with Governor Campos
and the governor of Nuevo León
earlier rather than now?

GOVERNOR ABBOTT
There is a sense of urgency now to
reach deals that did not exist
before.

JOURNALIST #2
Is there precedence of these types
of deals?

GOVERNOR ABBOTT
We've seen presidents use deals
like this in the past.

JOURNALIST #3
Governor Campos, would you have
made a deal like this if they had
(MORE)

JOURNALIST #3 (CONT'D)
 come to us to you last week to
 implement some of the safety
 precautions you were already
 implementing?

GOVERNOR CAMPOS
 We are on time that, and we're on
 during the implementation period.

JOURNALIST #3
 Would you prefer to call before,
 last week before these?

GOVERNOR CAMPOS
 Let me tell you, and you can find
 out through the media, that we
 have been ordering the state
 because the finances that the last
 governor left in my state. We were
 focused on finances and on order
 of the house, so we moved one
 month ago to the security issue.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT
 The short shrift is, two days
 after I implemented this program,
 I got a phone call from every
 governor in a state connected to
 Texas.

JOURNALIST #4
 You said that there's a sense of
 urgency among Mexican states to
 address this problem. With regard
 to transporting illegal immigrants
 to DC, how many do you ultimately
 expect to be transported to our
 nation's capital, and do you
 believe a similar sense of urgency
 will result in a part of Secretary
 Mayorkas and the federal
 government?

GOVERNOR ABBOTT
 We will transport as many as
 possible.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
 The president has not ever come to
 the border of Texas and has seen
 the chaos that he has caused. If
 he's not going to come to the
 border, we're going to take the
 border to him. There is another
 (MORE)

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
bus in transit as we speak right now, and we will continue to send buses to Washington DC.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
It's not just the president, it's members of Congress also. Remember this, is Congress, specifically authorized by the United States Constitution to take action on this, and Congress is not taking action on this either.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
This is sending a message to both the president and Congress, Texas is tired of being the unloading dock for illegal immigrants crossing the border. The new unloading dock is going to be Washington DC.

JOURNALIST #5
What metrics you will be using to see whether these plans are effective? How the public know if this is working?

GOVERNOR ABBOTT
From my perception, it's going to be a walk you through a scenario that we talked about through the negotiations. We will identify hot spots where there will be an increase in the number of migrants showing up because it's a location chosen by cartels to try to put people across the border at that particular location.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
The Chihuahua officials will work in collaboration with the Texas Department of Public Safety where DPS has identified that hot spot, and on the Chihuahua side, they will work from a law enforcement side to disrupt that hot spot.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS
I want to make it really clear, it's a win-win situation if we protect our borders and we protect the security of our state as
(MORE)

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
Governor Abbott is doing right now. We are ready and we have the willingness to be evaluated by an external agency, a private agency in order to tell us, the state of Chihuahua, if we are on the right track implementing these tools or not, how have been implementing, and we will work so hard.

GOVERNOR CAMPOS (CONT'D)
We have a commitment with Governor Abbott and we have a commitment with all people in Texas because Governor Abbott has been asking us to think in Texas, in its people, and we are also thinking about people in Chihuahua. So you'll be sure that it will be evaluated and it will be successful.

Unintelligible

GOVERNOR ABBOTT
You know, I would invite the President to come.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
I would meet with him under one condition. He not go to some highly protected scene that would not allow the residents whose lives have been turned upside down. He needs to do exactly what I did. I went down to Del Rio, I met with a town hall of about 500 or more people down there who were very angry about what was going on on the border. The only way that President Biden is going to understand what is going on on the border is not going down visiting with a handful of selected people. He needs to meet with the masses whose lives are affected every single day by this.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
If he were to do that, I'd be honored to be there with him to let him know the needs that we have here in the state of Texas
(MORE)

11.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT (CONT'D)
and he will have a better
understanding.

END OF RECORDING