



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

*between*

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

*and*

**THE FREE AND SOVEREIGN STATE OF CHIHUAHUA**



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING made by and between the State of Texas and the Free and Sovereign State of Chihuahua ("Memorandum"). The State of Texas is referred to as "Texas;" the Free and Sovereign State of Chihuahua is referred to as "Chihuahua;" individually, each party may be referred to as a "State," and collectively, the parties are referred to as "States."

WHEREAS, the States have a mutual interest in ensuring that their shared border is secure; and

WHEREAS, Texas anticipates a significant rise in cartel-facilitated smuggling through the use of unsafe vehicles due to federal government's decision to end Title 42 expulsions; and

WHEREAS, Texas has implemented enhanced safety inspections of vehicles as they cross international ports of entry to reduce the number of unsafe vehicles that enter Texas;

WHEREAS, Texas recognizes the leadership and unparalleled efforts of the Governor and the State of Chihuahua to improve and ensure security along the border of Chihuahua and Texas, as evidenced by attachments A and B;

WHEREAS, This agreement and the efforts of Chihuahua and Texas represent a new era in our relationship as border states; and

WHEREAS, these inspections—which have revealed that almost 25% of the commercial vehicles that crossed into Texas were unsafe—have slowed border crossings for commercial vehicles; and

WHEREAS, given the importance of trade between Texas and Chihuahua, it is in the best interests of the States to enter into this Memorandum;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Texas and Chihuahua will reduce the number of unsafe vehicles approaching the border, and the corresponding need for enhanced safety inspections, by using their best efforts as follows:

1. The States will work cooperatively to ensure that vehicles crossing an international port of entry meet the safety standards applicable in each State.
2. The States will work cooperatively to reduce the cartels' human trafficking and smuggling of deadly fentanyl and other drugs across and between ports of entry.
3. The States will work cooperatively to stop the flow of migrants from over 100 countries who illegally enter Texas through Chihuahua – including providing resources to respond to hot spot areas as identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

4. Chihuahua has begun and will continue enhanced 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 \$200,000,000.00 US that will allow Chihuahua State Police to track vehicles from the moment they leave an industrial park in Juárez until they cross the border into Texas. In addition, the State of Chihuahua is incorporating technologies such as drones to patrol the border, AI databases connected to the driver license registry, and biometric filters to assist in the capture of cartel leaders.
5. The States will work cooperatively to restore the border-crossing inspections process to allow crossings at a faster pace.

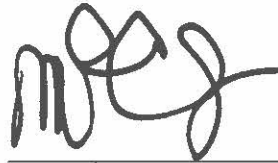
This Memorandum may be modified by mutual consent of the States in writing. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Memorandum, the Memorandum may be terminated by either State upon written notice thirty days before the date of termination.

FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

FOR THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT



GOVERNOR MARU CAMPOS