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CBP Commissioner Bersin Addresses Inaugural Border Mayors Conference

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan D. Bersin spoke at the inaugural meeting of the U.S.-Mexican Border Mayors Association in El Paso, Texas on Aug. 16. The meeting brought together 17 mayors representing communities on both sides of the nation's southern boundary.

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CBP Commissioner Alan D. Bersin speaks at the inaugural meeting of the U.S.-Mexican Border Mayors Association

The group was formed to serve as a collective voice to provide input to CBP and the U.S. government on policies which impact the flow of people and trade on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Bersin commended the group for their efforts and recognized the value and insight they are in a position to provide to the leadership in Washington and Mexico City. He encouraged them to work together on matters of common interest rather than competing individually on issues of mutual concern.

"Develop a strategy that can be implemented over time that does not pit one against the other but rather comes up with a unified strategy of technology, practice and additional border officers so that we can implement over time a concerted program that produces a result that we all want," said Bersin.

Rep. Silvestre Reyes and DHS Assistant Secretary Betsy Markey also spoke to the group.

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