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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
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Dear Representative Hageman:

Below are the responses to your follow-up questions from the March 11, 2025, Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands Legislative Hearing regarding H.R. 1820, Federal Lands Amplified Security for the Homeland Act.

1. I left southern Arizona approximately 25 years ago; however, I believe coordinated and collaborative efforts between the Tohono O'odham Nation and U.S. Border Patrol have increased significantly since then. Working together on tribal lands is a key part of Border Security in southern Arizona.
2. I'd recommend bringing all stake holders to include the Tohono O'odham Nation into legislative efforts such as the FLASH Act and any other legislation impacting tribal lands. I'd also recommend engaging the U.S. Border Patrol to inquire about their perspective on the relationship between the Tohono O'odham Nation and current border security enforcement efforts on tribal lands.
3. Yes, I believe this would be prudent.

Sincerely,

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