

## Questions for the Record by Democrat Members

### Questions from Rep. Gallego for Hon. Norris, Jr., Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation:

1. Your testimony begins with a reflection upon the rich history of the Tohono O'odham Nation and its pre-existence to the U.S.-Mexico border.
  - a. What difficulties were created when the international boundary was drawn through your ancestral homelands in 1854?
  - b. How does the border impact the daily lives of the Nation's members?
2. If possible, can you also speak to the success and resiliency of the Nation's High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA) Task Force and Shadow Wolves?
  - a. Would you agree that the establishment of these unique and successful programs speak to the importance of tribal self-governance?
  - b. Considering the Nation's extensive work with border patrol initiatives, how effective do you believe this new border wall will be?
3. Please provide a record of communications and meetings between the United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the National Park Service (NPS) with the Tohono O'odham Nation regarding the border wall construction activities within Organ Pipe National Monument, including the activities on Monument Hill and Quitobaquito Springs.

### Questions from Rep. Grijalva for Hon. Norris, Jr., Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation:

1. You mention the connections that the Nation continues to have with its ancestral homelands in Mexico, despite the presence of the border.
  - a. Has the border ever prevented tribal members from returning to these homelands or engaging in ceremonies?
2. In your testimony you mention my bill, the RESPECT Act. In your opinion, how would laws like the RESPECT Act prevent situations like this from occurring again in the future?

### Questions from Rep. Garcia for Hon. Norris, Jr., Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation:

1. Since the destruction of the Nation's sacred sites have been made public, have you received support from outside organizations or other tribal nations?

### Questions from Rep. Soto for Hon. Norris, Jr., Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation:

1. Your testimony references Section 102(c) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) and the waiver authority granted to DHS within it.

- a. How would the Nation's sacred sites be better protected if the laws waived by DHS were still applicable? For example, would your sacred sites be better protected if NEPA and NAGPRA still held authority?
- b. Do you believe border communities are being treated as second-class citizens, less protected by the laws of the United States than American citizens living in other parts of the Country?