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Please accept this letter as an urgent request for assistance in Southwestern New Mexico. Hidalgo County is in dire need of resources and reinforcements. We feel there is an eminent threat to the safety and welfare of our citizens in Hidalgo County. Resources such as medical, law enforcement, and sanitation are amongst those most needed.

Our Hidalgo County Emergency Medical Services team consists of 7 full-time employees and 5 volunteers. This team of Emergency Medical Services covers over 5,000 square miles. At the very least we can say they are stretched very thin. The nearest hospital is 50 plus miles from us. The Forward Operating Base located in Antelope Wells is at least one and a half hours away from the nearest hospital. As Emergency Medical Services have a duty to provide proper care, assessment and transport to patients; our resources are very limited. Please send emergency medical services to assist us with the overwhelming number of immigrants coming in daily.

Our Border Patrol work diligently to assist the County and its citizens with anything that is in the best interest of our County. With the amount of immigrants coming in daily, they are stretched thin as far as resources go.

Sanitation is a major concern for Hidalgo County, as well. Currently a local vendor is providing port-a-potties to Antelope Wells FOB, the vendor is very concerned with the unsanitary manner they are being utilized. She is concerned for her employees, immigrants and anyone else who may come into contact with them. Individuals who use the port-a-potties refuse to dispose of toilet paper, etc. they instead leave it in a pile next to the toilet. The smell is horrific and the thought of any type of disease that may now be exposed. Would the military be able to provide latrines?

Our citizens who live in Hidalgo County near the border, more specifically in Antelope Wells are not safe any longer. They encounter up to 30 or more immigrants daily in their own yards. The only thing between our citizens and our border is a barbed wire fence. Thankfully, at this time the encounters have not been violent. These issues need to be addressed at the state and national levels. We are begging for your assistance to get this situation under control before it gets any worse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tisha Green".

Tisha Green
Hidalgo County Manager

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