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Mr. Howard Phillips  
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Dear Friends,

I am sorry I cannot join the Coalition in New Orleans.

Like you, I have voiced concerns about the activities of the trilateral "Security and Prosperity Partnership," (SPP) and the potential creation of a North American Union.

In fact, nearly two years ago I voiced many of my concerns to Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez in a letter. In that letter, I expressed reservations about some of the recommendations before the SPP.

Several alarming "proposals" put before the SPP include:

A suggestion that the U.S., Canada and Mexico ***"Work toward acceptance of equivalent standards, objectives, surveillance and enforcement."***

One recommendation on pandemic control suggests that in the event of a public health crisis, ***"...all borders and major roads remain open...to allow the unimpeded flow of domestic and international commerce."***

The most troubling recommendations, however, were contained in a section entitled "Improving Cross-Border Mobility (Goods / Services / People)."

In that section, the panel will entertain a recommendation that **"the governments [of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico] evaluate moving customs processes further inland...to take the pressure off the border,"** and to examine **"harmonizing commercial processes for clearance of commercial shipments."**

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The recommendation goes further by asking that ***“The Secretary of DHS...set up a limited short term pass program or otherwise facilitate people who come to the border without documents,”*** and that ***“...a reasonable grace period should be established at border crossings during which time people without documents are educated about their options and allowed to pass.”***

I asked the Commerce Department to suspend U.S. participation in the SPP until the serious questions of sovereignty raised by these recommendations could be addressed.

To date, Secretary Gutierrez has not responded to that request. Rest assured, however, that many of us in Congress remain vigilant in protecting American sovereignty from the creeping assault of international bureaucracies like the United Nations, World Trade Organization, and now the SPP.

Again, I am sorry I am unable to join you – but wish you the best of luck at the conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Tancredo". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tom Tancredo, M.C.