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C.H. HUCKELBERRY  
County Administrator

January 8, 2021

Dinah Bear, Chair  
Humane Borders, Inc.  
P.O. Box 27024  
Tucson, Arizona 85726

Re: **Record Migrant Deaths in Southern Arizona and Recommendation Regarding  
How to Minimize in the Future**

Dear Ms. Bear:

As you know from a recent article in the Arizona Daily Star, known migrant deaths in Southern Arizona have exceeded the annual number of deaths since we began keeping track of this information. The large number of deaths recorded by our Medical Examiner is particularly troubling since border security has been increased and enhanced because of physical improvements to the border wall and additional staffing for the U.S. Border Patrol.

I would appreciate your thoughts and recommendations with regard to what actions you believe could be taken by the County to reduce the loss of life occurring along the border by migrants.

I am willing to explore any option that you believe the County can implement to reduce the number of border crossing deaths that occur annually.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.H. Huckelberry", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

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c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Supervisors  
Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator  
Francisco Garcia, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,  
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