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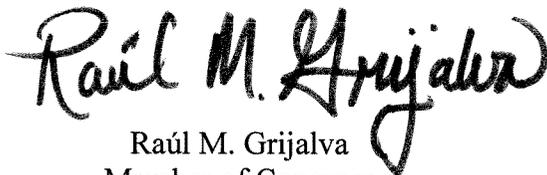
Dear President Bush,

We write to express concerns on the eve of your traveling to New Orleans, Louisiana for your fourth summit meeting held in series with your Mexican and Canadian counterparts since the 2005 launch of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP). We seek to articulate the growing unease of concerned citizens in all three countries over a major continental initiative being planned in a closed process without due legislative oversight.

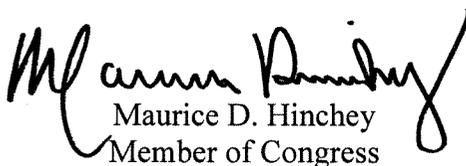
All the signatories of this letter (as well as similar letters in Canada and Mexico) favor closer and better relations with our North American neighbors, but we object strenuously to a process that permits the executives of our respective countries to bypass constitutionally mandated review.

Because SPP implementation currently envisions no Congressional ratification process, negotiation should be halted until the mechanisms of the SPP negotiations are made transparent and proper legislative oversight is established.

Sincerely,

  
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