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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Government Accountability Office review matters relating to the impacts of the U.S.-Mexico border wall on natural and cultural resources along the southwestern border.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Mark E. Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment and staff are available to begin the work shortly. Mr. Gaffigan or a member of his team will contact Lindsay Gressard to discuss the request, your needs, and the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gaffigan at 202-512-3168 or gaffiganm@gao.gov, or Ms. Rosa Harris, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-9492 or harrisrr@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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