

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Paul Ryan  
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The Honorable Bill Shuster  
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Dear Speaker Ryan and Chairmen:

We write to request that H.R. 3548, the Border Security for America Act of 2017, not proceed to the House floor until the committees of jurisdiction consider this measure through regular order.

We ask each Committee Chairman to assert his jurisdictional claim over the bill.

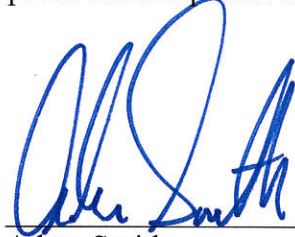
As Homeland Security Committee Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson aptly stated, H.R. 3548 is “a misguided, unnecessary, fiscally-irresponsible measure to formally authorize President Trump’s Wall at all costs.” Accordingly, we respectfully request that each Committee mark up this legislation and be given an opportunity to thoroughly examine and discuss provisions within our purview.

We stand ready to work with you to schedule our respective markups and look forward to receiving your responses.

Sincerely,



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