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**BORDER LEADERS PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REAL,  
EFFECTIVE BORDER SECURITY**

*Experts Stress That Immigration Reform Is Critical To Border Security*

*Washington, D.C.* - The National Immigration Forum along with a coalition of border leaders will host a press conference on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, May 12th, featuring Arizona Congressman Raul Grijalva, local elected officials and border community members. Leaders will discuss recent events at the border and will announce a set of comprehensive policy recommendations for improving security in the border region.

Border leaders will emphasize that there is a "right way" to border enforcement. A comprehensive approach that includes fixing the immigration system is needed to address security concerns along the Southwest border. The recommendations are set to inform federal policy makers following the unveiling of the Senate Democratic [framework for immigration reform](#) calling for increased border enforcement, a path to legalization for unauthorized immigrants and a new employment verification system.

**WHAT:** Press conference with border leaders providing solutions for effective border security

**WHEN:** May 12th 2010, 2:00 pm Eastern

**WHERE:** Capitol Hill, 2175 Rayburn House Office Building

**WHO:** Ali Noorani, Executive Director, National Immigration Forum (moderator)  
Representative Raúl Grijalva, D-AZ  
Councilwoman Karin Uhlich, Ward III, City of Tucson. AZ  
Mayor John David Franz, City of Hidalgo, TX

William K. Moore, Texas Border Coalition  
Nan Walden, Farmers Investment Company, AZ

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The **National Immigration Forum** is the nation's premier immigrant rights organization, dedicated to embracing and upholding America's tradition as a nation of immigrants. Border stakeholders also speaking in Washington, D.C. tomorrow include: Fernando Garcia, Border Network for Human Rights - El Paso, TX; Jennifer Allen, Executive Director, Border Action Network (Tucson, AZ); Vicki Gaubeca, Director, Regional Center for Border Rights, ACLU-NM; and Christian Ramirez, American Friends Service Committee-San Diego. These voices are part of a larger set of border stakeholders visiting Washington that include representatives from civil rights, immigration, land owners, faith, business, law enforcement, and local elected official communities. These voices advocate that a comprehensive approach to fixing the immigration system is needed to fully address security concerns along the Southwest border.