Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that officers of the Department of Homeland Security should not undermine the efforts of citizen groups such as the Minuteman Project to preserve the integrity of the borders of the United States and protect the Nation from intrusion.
Whereas a primary duty of the Federal Government is to secure the homeland and ensure the safety of citizens and lawful residents of the United States;

Whereas the porous nature of the Nation’s borders is a threat to national security and allows for a massive influx of illegal aliens on a daily basis;

Whereas if it is possible for illegal aliens to enter and remain in the United States with impunity, it is also possible for terrorists to enter and remain in the United States while planning, rehearsing, and carrying out terrorist attacks;

Whereas the failure to control and prevent illegal immigration into the United States increases the likelihood that terrorists will succeed in launching catastrophic attacks on United States soil;

Whereas news outlets reported that officials of the Customs and Border Protection division of the Department of Homeland Security alerted Mexican officials as to the location of individuals who participate in the Minuteman Project while such individuals were conducting surveillance on the southern border of the United States;

Whereas some officials of the Department of Homeland Security have stated that the action taken to alert Mexican officials as to the location of such individuals was not an authorized course of action; and

Whereas individuals participating in the Minuteman Project are performing a valuable function by helping the Border Patrol of the Customs and Border Protection division of the Department of Homeland Security conduct surveillance on the southern border of the United States in an effort to serve and protect the Nation by securing the borders: Now, therefore be it
Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that officers of the Department of Homeland Security—

(1) should not undermine the efforts of citizen groups such as the Minuteman Project to preserve the integrity of the borders of the United States and protect the Nation from intrusion; and

(2) should not contact Mexican officials about the location of individuals who participate in such citizen groups while such individuals are conducting surveillance on the southern border of the United States.