Dear Ashley,

This is a followup to the conversation I had with Senator Heinrich when he came to Silver City on Tuesday April the 11th.

First, I want to thank you for enabling me to have a few moments of the senator's time.

Second, I must clarify further the request I made as a representative of our local Great Old Broads chapter. It is evident that the senator has a very good understanding of the negative impacts of the border wall, and that being the case, we ask that he *initiate* a "dear colleague" letter among his fellow the senators, specifically urging them them to

 1) *rescind all border wall funding*, both the amounts currently allocated and those that may be proposed for the future;

 2) *transfer at least $225 million* of that funding from DHS to DOI and the USFS to remediate the damage caused by border wall construction, as included in the FY24 President's Budget; and

 3) direct the DHS to ensure that the previously established multi-agency working group on the impacts of the border infrastructure has indeed made real progress in creating a comprehensive remediation plan in consultation with the stakeholders, i.e., local governments, communities, and tribes, and with the relevant scientists and environmental experts.

By this action, we believe he can amplify his role in curtailing the significant resource damage along our border and the concurrent waste of taxpayer dollars--a genuine service to his constituents.

Please pass this updated request along to the senator.

With respect for all the work that you do,

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