



April 29, 2024

Ambassador Esteban Moctezuma Barragán  
Ambassador of Mexico to the United States  
Embassy of Mexico  
1911 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ambassador Moctezuma:

On behalf of the Border Trade Alliance and our members whose livelihoods depend on a secure, well-managed border, I am writing to urgently request the intervention of the Government of Mexico in addressing the issue of undocumented migrants traveling on freight trains from the interior of Mexico to the border region with the United States. Specifically, we urge the Government of Mexico to provide the resources necessary to remove migrants from trains before they near the U.S. border, and ultimately deter them from utilizing freight trains to move within Mexico. As we witnessed in late 2023, large numbers of migrants arriving simultaneously near international ports of entry threatens the smooth operation of cross-border trade and could lead to closures of rail crossings between our two nations.

The Border Trade Alliance represents a wide array of private businesses and public sector entities like international bridges and port authorities that are engaged in trade and commerce along the U.S.-Mexico border. We are deeply concerned about the potential economic consequences of continued disruptions to the flow of goods caused by migrants attempting to board northbound freight trains.

As you are aware, delays in the movement of freight have severe implications for businesses on both sides of the border. Any closure of rail crossings due to safety concerns related to migrants on trains would disrupt supply chains, lead to significant shipping delays, and ultimately result in higher prices for consumers across North America.

It is imperative that the Government of Mexico takes immediate and decisive action to address this issue. We urge you to work closely with the appropriate authorities to enhance security measures along rail routes, prevent migrants from accessing freight trains, and ensure the safe and efficient movement of goods between our two countries.

Failure to address this issue in a timely manner not only jeopardizes the integrity of our shared border but also undermines the economic prosperity of the entire North American region. We believe that through collaborative efforts we can mitigate the risks posed by migrant activity on northbound freight trains and uphold the vital trade relationship between the United States and Mexico.

We stand ready to support the Government of Mexico in any way possible to address this pressing matter. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to a swift and effective resolution.

Sincerely,

  
Britton Mullen  
President