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Never before in our nation's history has it been so important for the American Sheriffs to stand united and speak with one voice to secure our nation's borders. No longer can we sit idle while the inaction of our Federal Government marginalizes our ability to preserve public safety, enforce our laws, and protect the Constitutional rights of all who legitimately reside and work in our communities. As a fellow Sheriff, and someone who shares a common mission and obligation to defend the public safety and national security concerns of our citizens, I am respectfully asking that you join me and our brother and sister Sheriffs on December 10, 2014 in at the United States Capitol to encourage immediate action by Congress and the Administration to pass legislation that will secure border security once and for all.

Senator Jeff Sessions, Senator David Vitter, and other members of Congress have agreed to join us at the Capitol to demand immediate action to secure our borders as the first step in achieving legitimate immigration reform in the future. Several Sheriffs have agreed to work in a spirit of cooperation to assist in recruiting at least 200 Sheriffs to travel to Washington, D.C. for this historic meeting and press conference with members of Congress. Clearly, this initiative will motivate our citizenry to rally around us and allow for a real focus on finally addressing the most significant threat to the welfare and safety of our American people and legal residents.

As you know, the policies of recent years that encourage immigrants to illegally enter our country have created serious threats to our domestic and national security. The citizens of our nation are counting on the American Sheriffs to fulfill our oath to preserve law and order and live up to our responsibilities as guardians of the United States Constitution. Given the fact that 25 people in the United States are killed each day by illegal immigrants, and our schools are becoming overcrowded and more costly, our public health is threatened by new diseases and ailments introduced by people living in our communities illegally, and the fact that benefits are being given and violations of laws forgiven for a select group of non-citizens, makes clear our obligation to act now before we erode the confidence and faith citizens have in Sheriffs across the country and throughout our history.

Please contact Linda Ross or Brock N. Cordeiro (508) 995-9406 or either lindaross@bcso-ma.org or brockcordeiro@bcso-ma.org to confirm your attendance. In the interests of planning for accommodation options and appropriate venue at the United States Capitol, your confirmation is required no later than November 20, 2014.

I have never been more convinced that the respect and trust the American Sheriffs have enjoyed throughout our history will result in an unprecedented success in getting Congress to act on securing our borders so that all of law enforcement can carry out our its fundamental responsibility of protecting the safety and security of our citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas M. Hodgson".

Thomas M. Hodgson
Sheriff