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Dear Governors:

On behalf of the state of Arizona, please accept my thanks for the service of the men and women of your state's National Guard in Arizona, as well as the Southwest Border, as part of Operation Jump Start.

Because of the work of your soldiers and airmen,

- Border Patrol agents were able to focus on the primary enforcement duties for which they were trained
- A steady and consistent decrease in the arrests of illegal immigrants was demonstrated, indicating a reduction in the number of attempted illegal crossings
- New critical infrastructure now provides our state and the nation the foundation it needs to begin to secure the international border

Despite the documented success of Operation Jump Start, the federal government has drawn-down and discontinued the operation. While I regret that choice, I deeply appreciate the work that has been accomplished.

Thank you again for participating in this most important operation.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
Governor