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HORNE CRITICAL OF FEDERAL JUDGE'S S.B. 1070 DECISION. ALSO CRITICIZES FEDERAL BORDER POLICY IN VIDEO RELEASE OF BORDER VISIT.

Republican Attorney General candidate Tom Horne says today's S.B. 1070 ruling by judge Susan Bolton is a blow to Arizona's effort to control the border with Mexico.

"I am committed to S.B. 1070 and I find this ruling disappointing," Horne said. "S.B. 1070 essentially mirrors federal immigration law, which is in not being vigilantly enforced by the U.S. government. I have personally seen the multiple failures of federal immigration policy on my visits to the border, and there appears to be little stomach on the part of the Obama administration to actually deal with this crisis in a meaningful way. That is why S.B. 1070 is so valuable in adding local law enforcement as a force multiplier for the border agents and why this decision should be appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary."

Horne's statement came as he released video of his recent trip to the U.S. - Mexico border where he saw first-hand the challenges faced by border-area residents who are on the front line of the illegal immigration crisis.

"I visited with ranchers and cattle growers who told me the current federal border policy is failing," Horne said. "I drove more than 20 miles of the fence between Naco and the San Pedro River. I was accompanied by a local rancher and was not given an official tour to ensure I could see things without being given a show by the federal government. As I drove along the border fence, it was more than 20 minutes until I saw a Border Patrol vehicle - an unacceptably long amount of time. My vehicle was shadowed for a period of time by a truck on the Mexican side, which I was told belonged to scouts for the Mexican drug cartels. These cartels know when U.S. agents have a shift change, they probe the weak points along the border, and they know how many U.S. agents are stationed at any given time. They are well-funded and sophisticated. Arizona law enforcement needs every tool available to battles these cartels and to apprehend all illegal crossers. We need at least 3,000 more agents at the border, not just the 1,200 the Obama administration is sending. We need forward operating bases every 12 miles, we need double fencing along the entire border, not just a select few areas, and we need to give local law enforcement more tools to apprehend illegal crossers. I support S.B. 1070, and I endorse the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association Restore Our Border Security plan, which would create a much safer climate for U.S. citizens who live at or near the border."

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