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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 35 - Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act

(Rep. Ciscomani, R-AZ, and 32 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly supports enactment of the Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act. This legislation honors the memory of Border Patrol Agent Raul Gonzalez, who tragically lost his life on December 7, 2022, while pursuing illegal aliens trying to cross the border near McAllen, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley Sector.

The bill would impose stricter penalties for evading law enforcement near the border and would make any alien who is convicted of that crime deportable and ineligible for any kind of immigration benefit or relief. This commonsense legislation would provide law enforcement with the tools they need to protect our border communities and prevent future senseless tragedies, and is consistent with the Administration's broader efforts to strengthen enforcement of our immigration laws and improve the security of the Nation's borders.

If H.R. 35 were presented to the President in its current form, his advisors would recommend that he sign the bill into law.
