



MINUTEMAN PROJECT

JIM GILCHRIST, FOUNDER



Dear Friend,

Two U.S. Border Patrol agents are under attack and need your urgent help today.

Please sign your PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition to help these two brave public servants today and help the Minuteman Project come to their defense.

Last year, Border Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean were doing their duty to secure the U.S. border and keep drug runners, illegal aliens, and terrorists out of our country...

... while on duty in Texas, they confronted a drug smuggler named Osbaldo Aldrete-Davila who had just smuggled 800 pounds of marijuana into the United States.

When confronted, this drug smuggler made a run for the Mexican side of the border.

Agent Compean tried to cut off his escape, but was shot at by the fleeing drug runner.

In response to this attack on his partner, Agent Ramos fired a shot at Aldrete-Davila, but the drug smuggler was able to make it back into Mexico and avoid arrest.

Shockingly, weeks later, Agents Ramos and Compean were informed that the U.S. government was filing charges against them for violating the drug smuggler's civil rights!

What they didn't know was that Agent Ramos' shot had hit the drug runner in the buttocks as he was escaping to Mexico.

Osbaldo Aldrete-Davila and his family then had the gall to complain to the U.S. government for the injuries he suffered

while attempting to smuggle drugs into our country and firing shots at U.S. Border Agents!

But even more galling is the fact that the U.S. government has taken the side of the criminal illegal alien and is treating these two brave Border Agents as the criminals.

That's why I need your signed PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition today.

You see, agents Ramos and Compean were sentenced to 11 and 12 years in prison, respectively.

On January 18, they began serving their time.

For the next decade, they will be separated from their families and loved ones -- all because of actions they took in the line of duty to protect Americans like you and me!

I don't know about you...

... but I feel I owe them a great debt of gratitude!

That's why the Minuteman Project has launched this PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition campaign to show President Bush that these two men have the support of thousands of American citizens!

Congressmen Tom Tancredo, Dana Rohrabacher, Dan Burton, Steve King, Virgil Goode, and many others have joined this campaign to Pardon Ramos and Compean.

Will you join us by signing your own PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition to the President today?

And please feel free to make copies of this letter and your PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition to give to your friends.

This PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS petition drive is just one of the steps that the Minuteman Project has undertaken to defend these two brave border agents.

- ** We have hosted rallies along with concerned Members of Congress to call attention to this injustice.
- ** We have donated funds to the two agents to provide for their legal defense and to help their families through this difficult time.
- ** And the Minuteman Project has vowed to continue our cooperative efforts with the Border Patrol to help their agents watch and secure our border!

We know that in the wake of this prosecution and persecution of Agents Ramos and Compean, other Border Patrol Agents will be under even more scrutiny as they attempt to protect our border.

Undoubtedly, other illegal aliens and drug smugglers will be looking for opportunities to press phony "civil rights" charges against the Border Patrol for simply doing their jobs.

The challenge our Border Patrol is facing has never been more difficult.

And the role of the Minuteman Project has never been more important!

As the founder of the Minuteman Project, I've had the honor of working closely with hundreds of fine U.S. Border Patrol agents.

The liberal media would have you believe that the Minutemen are "vigilantes" -- but that couldn't be further from the truth.

The fact is that Minuteman Project volunteers work hand-in-hand with the U.S. Border Patrol -- helping them keep an eye on miles and miles of border that would otherwise go unwatched.

And when we spot suspicious activity, we don't confront or apprehend the illegal aliens ourselves...

... we report our sightings to the Border Patrol and let them handle the arrests.

I know from first-hand experience that the Border Patrol Agents have a difficult and thankless job.

What's more, I've been told by many of them how much they appreciate the help of our trained Minuteman volunteers.

Now they'll need our help even more.

I'm proud that the work of the Minuteman Project makes their jobs a little bit easier and makes our country a whole lot safer!

Today, you can show your appreciation for the Border Patrol and the Minuteman Project volunteers in two very important ways.

First, please sign your enclosed PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition.

Your signed PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition will give

much-needed encouragement to these two brave men... and it also will send a loud and clear message to the government and President Bush that the American people demand justice!

So I hope you will sign your PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition today.

And when you do, I hope you'll also renew your support of the Minuteman Project with your gift of \$20 or more.

You've given \$10 in the past. Thank you so much for that gift.

But today, given how important this project is, I hope you'll consider a gift of \$15, \$20 or more to help us with our work -- including our support of the families of Agents Ramos and Compean.

From our petition campaign, to our border watch efforts, to our donations to the legal costs and expenses for Agents Ramos and Compean -- none of this is possible without Minuteman supporters like you.

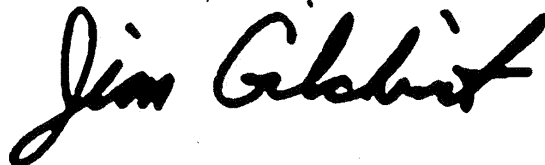
So please, whether your gift is another \$10 or as much as \$20 or more... please send your urgent donation today.

And please don't forget to sign your PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition to help these brave men who are now sitting in jail simply because they put their lives on the line to defend your safety!

I hope signing your PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition is the least you'll do.

If you can, please try to add a gift of \$10, \$20 or more to help us defend these men and secure America's borders.

For America,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Gilchrist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Gilchrist
Founder, Minuteman Project

P.S. Two brave Border Agents have been thrown in jail for the next decade -- all because they tried to stop a drug smuggler from entering the United States! Please help the Minuteman Project fight this outrage by signing your PARDON THE BORDER AGENTS Petition and including your gift of \$10 or more today!