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PRESS RELEASE:

Border Wall Impact Public Meeting **Set For Saturday September 17th**

Senator Eddie Lucio Jr. has organized a Border Wall Impact Public Meeting, which will take place next Saturday, September 17, 2011.

"We will hear presentations from our law enforcement agencies regarding public safety and then open the discussion to the public," Lucio said. "I sincerely hope people will join in and share their stories."

Parts of the Border wall have been constructed in all four southern Border States since the passage of the Congressional Secure Fence Act in 2006. Since 2006, a 70-mile-long, 20-foot high section of the border wall has been built in the Rio Grande Valley.

However, there has been no firm assessment that quantifies the social, cultural or economic impact that the fence has had on our region. The public meeting will bring together diverse groups, organizations and individuals in order to discuss the impact that the wall is having on our community.

"In order for Texans to respond to federal policy, we need to have facts, figures and analysis," Lucio said. "However, when it comes to the federal border wall, there exists very little centralized information. This public meeting represents an opportunity for Valley residents to unite and study the impact that the border wall is having on us."

The meeting will take place from 11a.m to 12.30p.m. at the Fort Brown Memorial Golf Course Clubhouse at 300 River Levee Road in Brownsville, Texas.

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