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TOMMY TAKES AIM AT GUNS AND MONEY USED TO SUPPLY DRUG CARTELS

Bill makes trafficking illegal currency and firearms a 2nd degree felony

Drug pushers and weapons' traffickers should not get off easy when caught trying to smuggle weapons and money over one of our international bridges.

That's why I think it's time to take a Stand on the Bridge.

I've introduced SB 2195, the Southbound International Bridge Bill to take advantage of the natural choke points (bridges) along the border and disrupt the flow of goods, currency, and supplies to the transnational gangs.

Under this new legislation, a person would be charged with a 2nd degree felony if they committed one of the following offenses while traveling southbound on an international bridge toward Mexico: operating a stolen vehicle, transporting weapons (unlawful carrying of weapons), transporting prohibited weapons (machine gun, armor-piercing ammo, explosive weapon), attempting to transport a fugitive across an international boundary, and attempting to evade federal currency reporting requirements by knowingly concealing and transporting more than \$10,000 in currency or other monetary instruments.

Under current law, these offenses are 3rd degree felonies, state jail felonies, or even Class A misdemeanors – **none of these are strong enough deterrents.**

My legislation would make these offenses 2nd degree felonies which carry a maximum punishment of 20 years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

These gang members and drug-pushing thugs **MUST** face stiff penalties for their actions. The violence and crime associated with these drug cartels is spreading north, and **it's time to stop this traffic.**

I hope you'll tell your local newspaper, your friends and family, or your favorite electronic source you **STAND** in support of this bill.

IT'S TIME FOR TEXAS TO GET TOUGH.


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