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**SAN DIEGO (March 13, 2018)** – The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce released the following statement from President and CEO Jerry Sanders regarding President Trump’s visit to San Diego:

**“We appreciate the President’s interest in our border region and border security. Our region is a national model for cross-border commerce that depends on efficient trade for the joint production of products.**

**“Trade between the U.S. and Mexico surpasses \$1.4 billion every day, and close to 80 percent of this trade crosses the U.S.-Mexico land border every day. This tremendous volume of trade reminds us of the important role that those who protect our country also play in facilitating and growing trade. It is also a reminder that protecting national security and promoting trade and economic vitality are not mutually exclusive.**

**“With illegal immigration on a 10-year decline, the Chamber’s focus has been on improving border infrastructure. Inefficiencies at our ports of entry cost our nation \$7.2 billion per year. Investing in our ports of entry not only generates jobs, it is the most cost effective way to achieve border security.**

**“We look forward to the opportunity to continue conversations with the Administration about the critical infrastructure projects lacking funding which will benefit both security and trade. An efficient border is a secure border and a thriving national economy.”**

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### **About the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce**

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing approximately 2,500 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit [SDChamber.org](http://SDChamber.org) or call 619-544-1300.