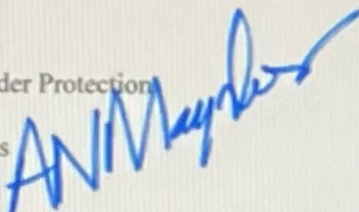




Homeland Security

February 7, 2022

MEMORANDUM TO: Chris Magnus
Commissioner
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

FROM: Alejandro N. Mayorkas 
Secretary

SUBJECT: **Prioritizing Prosecutions of Criminal Conduct Directed at
CBP Agents and Officers**

The law enforcement profession is a noble one. Its members risk their lives each day in the service of others.

As members of the law enforcement profession, our CBP Agents and Officers carry out their vital mission with honor, integrity, and bravery. I have seen this firsthand.

During my recent travel along the Southwest Border, I received reports from CBP Agents and Officers that they are experiencing assaults, threats of violence, and criminal interference in the performance of their duties. This is unacceptable.

I, along with leadership in the U.S. Department of Justice, am fully committed to ensuring that assaults on CBP and other federal law enforcement personnel are referred for prosecution as appropriate and treated as a priority. Please ensure your field offices are prepared to make referrals when warranted and provide the Department of Justice with any needed prosecution support.

Thank you.