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Dear Stefan,

For ten years, thousands of American troops have fought against terrorism and for the liberation of Iraq. During this time, the American taxpayers have spent billions of dollars on the military equipment used during Operation Iraqi Freedom. As the U.S. proceeds with withdrawal from Iraq and thousands of our desert warriors are enthusiastically welcomed home, the question is what to do with all of the military equipment that we paid for to be used in Iraq.

Some of the military equipment will be left in Iraq. But, some of the equipment worth billions of dollars is coming home to America. Rather than sit in a surplus yard somewhere, **we should send this equipment to the law enforcement agencies on the US border with Mexico.**

Since 2006, the drug wars in Mexico have claimed the lives of more than 40,000 people, destabilizing Mexico. Although the Administration seems to think that the violence will not reach our citizens, the truth is it already has. Human trafficking and drugs flow north of the border every day, while money and firearms go south over our dangerous and insecure border. The narco-terrorists are fully operational in Mexico and in many major cities in the U.S..

In order to respond to this dire situation, [I recently introduced the Send Equipment for National Defense \(SEND\) Act](#). This bill would require the Secretary of Defense to send 10% of the eligible equipment that is returning from Iraq to state and local law enforcement agencies for border security purposes. Eligible equipment would include Humvees, night vision equipment and surveillance unmanned aerial vehicles. This would be made available to those agencies who request it through an already existing DOD program. (There is a provision that the Defense Secretary can waive this requirement if the equipment is needed elsewhere, such as another war or an emergency).

**Instead of preaching that the border is safe, Washington should partner with Border States to stop the organized criminal cartel invasion into the United States.** The American people have invested billions of dollars in equipment used to secure Iraq. Now it's time to use this same equipment to secure the U.S. And that's just the way it is.

God and Texas,

TED POE  
Member of Congress  
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#### FORWARD TO A FRIEND

DO YOU SUPPORT SENDING RETIRED U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM IRAQ TO THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER?

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