



**Statement from John Maynard,
Santa Cruz County Supervisor
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As a Santa Cruz County supervisor, I am responsible for the health, safety and welfare of thousands of residents in Santa Cruz County along I-19. My constituents will be safer as a result of the announcement Congresswoman Giffords made today.

I commend the congresswoman for bringing citizens to the table so their voices were heard in the vital discussion about checkpoints and I commend her for listening to both sides of this issue, for and against. The congresswoman secured important concessions from the Border Patrol and she is taking the right steps to evaluate the effectiveness of the checkpoint strategy nationwide.