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Citing increased delays and harm to commerce, Border Trade Alliance calls on Texas Gov. Abbott to cease Laredo truck inspections

BTA President: Latest round of inspections in Laredo will lead to backups and congestion around the bridge, harm already strained supply chains, put upward pressure on costs.

WASHINGTON (October 12, 2023) – Border Trade Alliance President Ms. Britton Mullen released the following statement regarding Texas Gov. Greg Abbott’s latest round of enhanced commercial vehicle inspections at the Colombia Solidarity Bridge in Laredo:

“The Border Trade Alliance on multiple occasions has urged the Abbott administration to cease its expensive, duplicative inspections of commercial vehicles that are causing significant delays near Texas’ international bridges. If history is any guide, then this latest round of inspections in Laredo will lead to severe backups and congestion around the bridge, harming already strained supply chains. Shipping delays put upward pressure on costs, which will only harm Texas consumers and degrade the state’s standing as a trade leader.

“This latest round of inspections will cause more harm than good and risks undermining the working relationship between Texas and its Mexican neighbors at a time when we need greater collaboration and cooperation. The governor should end these unnecessary inspections immediately.”

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Since 1986, the BTA has served as a grassroots, non-profit organization that provides a forum for discussion and advocacy on issues pertaining to border development and quality of life and trade in the Americas. A network of public and private sector representatives from the United States, Mexico and Canada, BTA’s core values include a commitment to improving the quality of life of border communities through trade and commerce. The BTA is online at thebta.org and [@borderalliance](https://twitter.com/borderalliance).