

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security, Asa Hutchinson met with Representative Xavier Becerra (CA – 31) and several other members of Congress on Capitol Hill today.

In response to recent widespread concern in several communities in Los Angeles County and surrounding areas, Rep. Becerra and other members of Congress questioned Asa Hutchinson about a series of reported over reaching ‘border patrol sweeps’ resulting in many citizens and legal permanent residents getting interrogated without reasonable suspicion during random searches. Members questioned Border Patrol’s jurisdiction, policies, and practices. Secretary Hutchinson was forthcoming, informative, and affirmed that the recent ‘roving patrols’ were conducted without proper authorization and were contrary to the agency’s policy.

“We look forward to working with Secretary Hutchinson and local offices to ensure that any practices are pursuant to the authorization and mandates of Border and Transportation Security,” reported Rep. Becerra. He continued, “It is a travesty that people should avoid taking their children to school or visiting the doctor for fear of being harassed or detained in an ill advised and rogue law enforcement effort.”

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