



**Statement of United States Rep. Ron Paul, M.D.
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I am pleased to have the opportunity to contribute a statement to this important event, and I applaud the Conservative Caucus and my friend Howard Phillips for their hard work in the cause of freedom and US sovereignty.

As we all know, the Security and Prosperity Partnership for North America (SPP) was signed by the leaders of the US, Canada, and Mexico in Waco, Texas, on March 23, 2005. The agreement set the United States on a course to surrender even more of its sovereignty and security in a scheme that will ultimately erase the borders between the US, Canada, and Mexico.

What is most troubling about the SPP is that because it is neither a treaty nor a formal agreement Congressional oversight has been virtually non-existent. Congress has had no role in what many see as a plan for a North American union. Nor, to its discredit, has it demanded one.

The chief project thus far of the SPP is the so-called "NAFTA Superhighway" which would connect Mexico, the United States, and Canada, cutting a wide swath through the middle of Texas and up through Kansas City. Offshoots would connect the main artery to the west coast, Florida, and the northeast. Millions would be displaced by this massive undertaking, which would require eminent domain actions on an unprecedented scale. Though the costs of this undertaking will be socialized, the profits will no doubt be privatized, as a Spanish construction company, it is said, plans to build the highway and operate it as a toll road.

The ultimate goal is not simply a superhighway, but an integrated North American Union--complete with a currency, a cross-national bureaucracy, and virtually borderless travel within the Union. According to the US-government run SPP website, this Partnership will create new supra-national organizations to "coordinate" border security, health policy, economic and trade policy, and energy policy between the governments of Mexico, Canada, and the United States. It sounds like a recipe for trans-national socialism and the further destruction of the US economy. Terrorists surely dream of a borderless North America, where they can move from country to country unmolested.

Congress has thus far ignored its responsibility to exercise Constitutional authority in this matter, as it unfortunately has shirked its responsibilities in so many other matters. Fortunately, Congressman Virgil Goode (R-VA) has introduced a resolution, H. Con. Res. 40, to remedy this problem. This resolution, of which I am an original co-sponsor, urges the United States not to engage in the construction of the NAFTA Superhighway System, disapproves of SPP plans to implement regulations that would create a North American Union with Mexico and Canada, calls on the President to oppose any such proposals that threaten U.S. sovereignty. We must demand that American sovereignty be protected!