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McAllen, pop. 143,000, has a fraction of the overall crime of Fresno with no murders last year. It is in the Texas Border Coalition — judges, mayors, and border communities that focus on the quality of life for 2.5 million Texas residents. They all agree a wall is a wasted investment for an invented crisis.

Texas crime is down overall, according to official state sources. The CATO Institute says recent years show the conviction rate for illegals is 16 percent less than native-born Texans, and for legal immigrants it is 67 percent less. The DEA says the vast majority of drugs come through legal ports of entry. The State Department says the vast majority of people apprehended by the DHS come through airports.

The DEA, State Department, CATO Institute and the Texas Border Coalition show that a wall will waste money because it won't solve our problems.

The Bee should have shown a broader picture.

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