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U.S. Rep Jason Altmire surveyed security operations along the Arizona border over the weekend. It was part of a trip organized by U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' office.

During his trip, Altmire asked border patrol agents to take him to inspect the U.S.-Mexico border fence so he could verify it is being constructed with American made steel. In 2007, Altmire learned that Chinese steel was being used to build the fence. He traveled to the border and helped to create a government rule ensuring that American-made steel would be used instead.

“This weekend, I was proud to see firsthand that the U.S.-Mexico border fence is now being constructed with American-made steel, a direct result of a rule I helped create in 2007,” Congressman Altmire said. “One of the highlights of this trip was meeting border patrol agents who do an outstanding job under very difficult circumstances. Through our various stops, Congresswoman Gifford’s staff and her constituents helped explain that despite the progress that has been made, much more needs to be done to secure our borders.”

Altmire supports extending the National Guard’s border patrol mission for the remainder of the current fiscal year. Making the trip with Altmire were U.S. Reps. Tim Holden of Pennsylvania and John Barrow of Georgia.