

FY2017 Additional Appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security

The Fiscal Year 2017 omnibus bill recommends an additional \$1.51 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Homeland Security to address urgent needs and to support Executive Orders on border security and immigration enforcement. The funding will also support high-priority tactical infrastructure and border security technology investment, administrative capacity to hire and recruit officers, increased detention capacity, and Presidential security costs.

Highlights include:

\$772 million to address border security and tactical infrastructure investments, including:

- \$341 million for 20 miles of replacement of primary barrier, 20 miles of conversion of vehicle barriers to pedestrian barriers, and the addition of 35 needed gates.
- \$170 million for additional border security technology between and at U.S. ports of entry, including mobile and stationary video cameras and sensors, tactical communications equipment, non-intrusive inspection equipment, and biometric system enhancements.
- \$100 million for border road construction and maintenance.
- \$65 million for hiring and retention enhancements for frontline agents.
- \$48 million required to reduce facilities maintenance backlogs along the border.
- \$48 million to address border surge costs.

\$617 million for immigration enforcement, including:

- \$526 million for additional detention beds (39,324 total, 5,324 above FY2016)
- \$33 million for additional transportation and removal costs; and
- \$57 million for alternatives to detention.

\$131 million for Presidential protection and safety improvements, including:

- \$57 million for emergent Presidential security requirements;
- \$50 million in construction costs for a new White House fence; and
- \$24 million in agency lawsuit settlement costs from actions in 1979.

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