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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 15, 2011

Mr. Filner introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Save our Border Com-
munities Act of 2011”.
SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING FEDERAL PAYMENT TO FIRST RESPONDERS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING EMERGENCY SERVICES AT THE INTERNATIONAL BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall, from amounts appropriated under subsection (b), provide payment to first responders, including police, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians, for costs associated with providing emergency services at the international borders of the United States, but only to the extent that such costs are not otherwise reimbursed through any Federal program and cannot otherwise be recovered.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2012, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.