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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) voted to approve sweeping legislative

The legislation addresses our nation's most pressing security needs and works to implement the recom

“Congress has a solemn responsibility to help protect our communities from those who would do us harm

“In particular, knowing the importance of the Ports of Stockton, Oakland, San Francisco and Sacramento

The 2008 Homeland Security Appropriations bill:

- Includes funding for 3,000 additional Border Patrol agents, bringing the number of Border Patrol agents to 20,000;
- Makes important investments in border security fencing and tactical infrastructure;
- Rejects the President's proposed \$1 billion cut for training and equipment for first responders, instead providing funding for training and equipment;
- Improves aviation security by providing funding for new explosive detection systems at airports and for the purchase of new aircraft;
- Invests in port security by significantly increasing funding to protect critical port facilities and infrastructure.

The legislation approved by the House today also includes strong oversight provisions and eliminates waste.