

110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5879

To authorize Federal payment to first responders for costs associated with providing emergency services at the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2008

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

---

## A BILL

To authorize Federal payment to first responders for costs associated with providing emergency services at the international borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

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

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Save our Border Com-  
5       munities Act of 2008”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZING FEDERAL PAYMENT TO FIRST RE-**  
2 **SPONDERS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH**  
3 **PROVIDING EMERGENCY SERVICES AT THE**  
4 **INTERNATIONAL BORDERS OF THE UNITED**  
5 **STATES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
7 rity shall, from amounts appropriated under subsection  
8 (b), provide payment to first responders, including police,  
9 firefighters, and emergency medical technicians, for costs  
10 associated with providing emergency services at the inter-  
11 national borders of the United States, but only to the ex-  
12 tent that such costs are not otherwise reimbursed through  
13 any Federal program and cannot otherwise be recovered.

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
15 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for each  
16 fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2009, such sums as  
17 may be necessary to carry out this section.

○