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I believe we should do all we can to prevent unlawful entry into our country and fraudulent use of our taxpayer-funded government programs. In order to ensure we secure our border once and for all, we must implement an all-of-the-above strategy. This means walls and physical barriers at certain areas along the southern border. But we also need to leverage new technologies like unmanned aerial vehicles and reduce the number of visa overstays by implementing a mandatory biometric entry/exit system.

Congress has provided the funding to do just that. The omnibus includes \$1.6 billion for critical border security measures necessary for enforcing our existing immigration laws. The omnibus also provides funding for over 90 miles of a border wall system—more than the administration's original request.

The legislation increases funding for the Department of Homeland Security by over \$5 billion. Portions of this funding are allocated directly to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for new inspection equipment, enforcement officers, attorneys, surveillance technologies, and detention and removal programs.

I am focused on ensuring that our nation's current immigration laws are enforced, immigration programs work properly, and that we provide the resources for law enforcement officials to get their jobs done. I believe this omnibus is a step in the right direction for strengthening our border security.

Please do not hesitate to [contact me](#) anytime an issue that concerns you comes before the House.

It's an honor to serve you and Virginia's First District in the People's House.

Sincerely,

Rob