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KUHL VOTES TO PROTECT THE HOMELAND

\$37 billion homeland security initiative passes House, increase to fire fighters

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jun 15 - U.S. Representative John R. "Randy" Kuhl, Jr. (R-Hammondsport) today voted for the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill in the House. The bill provides \$37 billion for the Department of Homeland Security and other federal efforts to protect the United States.

"Protecting the homeland is our number one responsibility," said Rep. Kuhl. "This bill accomplishes that mission. There are a lot of great programs and projects funded in this bill to ensure that we're protected from threats to our ports, transportation facilities, buildings, and energy supply infrastructure. We also greatly increased the amount available for fire grants which have been so helpful to the volunteer fire companies in my district and around the nation. Our local first responders are the backbone of our homeland security infrastructure, so it's critical that they are adequately funded to meet the needs they face everyday."

Among other programs, the bill includes these funds:

\$4.52 billion for First Responder and Port Security Grants (including \$800 million for Fire Grants)

\$50 million for REAL ID grants to states

\$6.62 billion for the Transportation Security Administration

\$8.8 billion for Customs and Border Protection

\$272 million for the federal infrastructure protection program

\$230 million for flood map modernization

\$120 million for pre-disaster mitigation

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