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## **Congressman Filner Reintroduces the Law Enforcement Officers Equity Act**

Congressman Bob Filner has reintroduced his bill, "The Law Enforcement Officers Equity Act" (H.R. 327). The purpose of this bill is simply to give law enforcement status to all federal law enforcement officers.

Many federal officials – for example, the Border Patrol – are classified as "law enforcement officers," for the purposes of determining salary and retirement benefits. But many other officers – such as Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Inspectors, Veterans' Affairs Police Officers, U.S. Mint Police

Officers, Internal Revenue Officers, and police officers in approximately two dozen other agencies – do not have equal pay and benefits status.

"The simple fact is that these officers have dangerous jobs and deserve to be recognized as law enforcement officers, just like others with whom they serve, side by side, and who share the same level of risk," said Congressman Filner.

Congressman Filner's district encompasses the entire California-Mexico border and is home to two of the busiest border crossings in the entire world.