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Congressman Filner Outraged Over Proposed Border Cuts

On Tuesday, February 15, 2010, Congressman Bob Filner spoke on the House floor about his outrage that the Republican's proposed FY2011 continuing resolution (H.R. 1) would eliminate substantial funds for border projects in California.

As written, H.R. 1 would remove $894 million from the General Services Administration (GSA) construction and acquisition budget, eliminating all funds for those projects in FY2011. The bill would also cut $133.8 million from the GSA repair and alterations budget.

"These drastic cuts will jeopardize construction and modernization of the Calexico, Otay Mesa, and San Ysidro land ports-of-entry," said Congressman Filner. "Not only will California lose jobs associated with the construction, but our economy will suffer from the loss of efficiency at the border."

The GSA was originally supposed to begin construction on the Calexico Land Port-of-Entry (LPOE) in 2011. Construction of the new Otay Mesa LPOE and the San Ysidro Phase II expansion project were scheduled to begin in 2012.