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### IT IS TIME TO FEDERALIZE AIRPORT SECURITY!

**HON. BOB FILNER**  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**MR. FILNER:** Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me time.

When I fly to Washington from Lindbergh Field in San Diego and I check in my bags, I see hardworking people trying to do their best for the American public. But they are paid the minimum wage. They get 2 days of training, and there is almost a 200 percent turnover per year at our airport in San Diego.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to professionalize, it is time to stabilize, it is time to federalize

that first line of defense for the traveling public. We would not contract out the defense of our border to the private sector. We are not going to contract out our national security. Let us not contract out the airline public safety.

Mr. Speaker, it is time stabilize, it is time to professionalize, it is time to federalize our airline security workforce. Let us pass the Oberstar-Ganske substitute.