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Weldon Votes to Approve Additional Money to Protect Homeland

*Legislation Provides Funding to States and Localities to Secure Their
Communities*

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, U.S. Representative Dave Weldon, M.D. (R- Indialantic) voted in support of the Homeland Security funding bill and applauded its passage in the House by a vote of 400 to 5. This bill provides first responders with the tools necessary to protect our nation's citizens, borders and communications systems with over \$32 billion for Department Operations. This is a significant increase over last year.

“Investing in our national security is a necessity and a priority of mine,” said Rep. Weldon. “We must provide our federal law enforcement and intelligence officials and state and local police officers and firefighters with the finest technology, equipment and communication techniques as they protect and defend our citizens.”

Key Provisions include:

- **Supporting State and Local First Responders** - \$4.1 billion for the Office of Domestic Preparedness, Firefighters, and Emergency Management.
- **Protecting our Nation's Borders** - \$9.6 billion to fund border protection and related activities - an increase of \$630 million over last year's levels.
- **Enhancing Transportation Security** - \$5.7 billion for the Transportation Safety Administration, to fund both aviation and non-aviation security.
- **Protecting the Nation's Critical Infrastructure** - \$855 million to protect the nation's critical infrastructure such as bridges, ports, roads, and financial markets.

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