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Jilka hails passage of border security bill

Salina, KS – First district congressional candidate Alan Jilka hailed the passage of a bipartisan border security bill. The bill provides \$600 million for 1,500 new enforcement agents, established two new forward operating bases, and increases the number of unmanned surveillance drones along the US/Mexico border.

Jilka released the following statement:

"Last night the Senate passed their version of the Border Security Bill. I have closely followed this bill. During my recent fact finding trip to the border region of Texas, Arizona and Mexico I discussed with Mayors, Police Chiefs, and offices of U.S Representatives the necessity of increased funding in order to secure the border. I encourage both parties in the House of Representatives to pass this bill without further delay.

"All Americans should be proud to see the results of this rare display of bipartisanship. It proves that Congress will act when the people's voice is heard.

"America's technology must be used to defend our border against these dangerous cartels and we must use it aggressively. Border security should be first and foremost about personnel and technology. That is why I am for a dense deployment of unmanned drones along the most porous parts of our border. We cannot be blind to the activity on our border and drones and other devices provide the sight we need. The border also needs more cell towers. Service is scarce in remote border areas and 911 calls often cannot be heard. In addition, we need more "scope trucks", Mobile Remote Video Surveillance Systems or (MRVSS). These trucks are loaded with a sophisticated camera array attached to a hydraulic mast mounted in the bed of a pickup truck with cameras and sighting systems that can monitor movement miles away, day or night, rain or shine.

"While there is still much work to do, this bill is a good start towards increased border security, and providing our Border Agents and National Guard the necessary technology to accomplish their mission. The passage of this bill proves that when Democrats and Republicans work together, our nation is more

secure."

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