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Sensenbrenner Statement on President Bush Signing Border Fence Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.) today issued the following statement regarding President Bush signing H.R. 6061, the "Secure Fence Act":

"I commend President Bush for signing this legislation. Today marks a significant step towards providing a safe and secure border for the American public and establishing a foundation for addressing many problems associated with illegal immigration. By authorizing up to 700 miles of fencing where effective as well as authorizing surveillance technology and other resources, the Secure Fence Act will help prevent illegal immigration. Furthermore, the Secure Fence Act will bolster our national security by addressing an obvious – and unacceptable – vulnerability.

"<u>Make no mistake: House Republicans are answering the public's cry for border</u> security. Regrettably, House Democrats – over two-thirds of whom voted against the Secure Fence Act – have not only ignored the public's cry for border security, but have forcefully attempted to thwart border security efforts."

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