

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8146, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. VASQUEZ OF NEW MEXICO**

Add at the end of the bill the following:

1 **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CERTAIN U.S. CUSTOMS**
2 **AND BORDER PROTECTION OPERATIONS.**

3 (a) **HIRING.**—There is authorized to be appropriated
4 to the Secretary of Homeland Security \$300,000,000 to
5 hire personnel for U.S. Customs and Border Protection
6 operations at ports of entry, including agents, processing
7 assistants, technicians, agriculture specialists, and import
8 specialists.

9 (b) **SCREENING.**—There is authorized to be appro-
10 priated to the Secretary of Homeland Security
11 \$200,000,000 to procure, deploy, install, maintain, and
12 operate screening technology at U.S. Customs and Border
13 Protection ports of entry, such as non-intrusive inspection
14 technology to inspect and detect cargo for illicit materials,
15 such as fentanyl.

16 (c) **INFRASTRUCTURE.**—There is authorized to be ap-
17 propriated to the Administrator of General Services
18 \$70,000,000 for port of entry infrastructure, including
19 port of entry building infrastructure improvements, vehicle
20 inspection lane expansion or improvements, pedestrian

1 pathway and lane expansion or improvements, and mod-
2 ernization within ports of entry.

3 (d) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts authorized to be ap-
4 propriated for the purposes described in this section—

5 (1) shall be expended by not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this section; and

7 (2) are in addition to amounts otherwise made
8 available to the Secretary of Homeland Security or
9 to the Administrator of General Services.

