

**STATEMENT OF RANKING MEMBER BENNIE G. THOMPSON
Committee on Homeland Security**

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Thank you, Chairman Lungren, Ranking Member Brady, and Members of the Committee for the opportunity to testify in support of funding for the Committee on Homeland Security for the 112th Congress.

As Chairman King stated, this is our fourth Congress working together to ensure we do all we can to help keep our homeland secure in a bi-partisan manner, which includes the Committee’s operational funding request that is before you. We have agreed to continue to follow the 1/3 – 2/3 division of funding between the Minority and Majority offices.

In accordance with House Resolution twenty-two, our funding request reflects a five percent decrease from the 111th Congress. Chairman King and I have agreed to evenly divide the allocation between the first and second sessions. These amounts will support the Committee’s oversight responsibilities, staff salaries, travel, and operational expenses.

I second the Chairman in saying we appreciate the support of Chairman Lungren and Ranking Member Brady, along with all Members of the Committee on House Administration.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to come before you today. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.