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JOINT HEARING BETWEEN THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION,  
BORDER SECURITY, AND CITIZENSHIP AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY, AND HOMELAND SECURITY

HEARING – “STRENGTHENING BORDER SECURITY BETWEEN THE PORTS  
OF ENTRY: THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT THE BORDERS”

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STATEMENT OF CO-CHAIRMAN KYL

Good afternoon, and welcome to this joint hearing, which will examine how the Department of Homeland Security, (DHS) is using technology to help secure the borders of the United States between our ports of entry.

This hearing is part of a larger effort by Senator Cornyn and me to help educate the Congress, the Administration, and the public on the need to enforce the immigration laws of the United States in order to protect ourselves from terrorist and criminal threats, and to restore integrity to the rule of law. Our hearings in the immigration system have illuminated the point that the United States, like any other country, needs to express its sovereignty and protect its people by ensuring that its borders with its neighbors are respected and under control. I have been working hard to make the point that the Federal government cannot continue to overlook its distinct and singular duty to maintain law and order on the border, and must commit itself to fully funding the agencies that make up our immigration system so that those agencies can effectively perform the work that we call on them to do.

As always, we count on DHS to be frank with us in discussing the challenges that it faces in enforcing our immigration laws. We are always interested in learning what

progress DHS has made, and what we in Congress can do to help you secure the tools that you need in carrying out your mission.