

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today released the following statement in response to the Obama administration's decision to request \$500 million in supplemental funding for a newly announced Southwestern border security initiative. In addition to the funding, the Obama administration also proposes the deployment of up to 1,200 National Guardsmen along the 2,000 mile southern border.

"The President's decision is a symbolic change from his usual unenthusiastic approach to border security," said King. **"It's ironic that this announcement comes soon after Mexican President Calderon lectured the United States Congress on immigration policy from the well of the House of Representatives."**

"If all 1,200 National Guardsmen are deployed, they will represent only a 6.5% increase in personnel assigned to patrol the border. The President has apparently decided to make a symbolic statement about border security. It is a small step, but in the right direction ."

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