

Rep. Cuellar's Appropriations Language for Rescue Beacons

FY19 Homeland Appropriations Report Language:

“The southwest border is vast, with varied terrain ranging from the winding Rio Grande River to rugged mountains and dry desert. Temperatures can reach well beyond 100 degrees during the day in the summer months followed by cold temperatures at night. CBP shall continue its policies and activities that help protect people who have illegally entered the United States from the dangers inherent in crossing this terrain, including the prohibition on any activity by agents that could damage water and food caches and continued support for initiatives focused on increasing migration safety, such as the placement and maintenance of rescue beacons. While the Committee awaits the results of the rescue beacon survey and assessment detailed in House Report 115–239, the bill includes \$1,000,000 for additional rescue beacons.”

Source (p.18): <https://www.congress.gov/115/crpt/hrpt948/CRPT-115hrpt948.pdf>

FY20 Homeland Appropriations Report Language:

“*Migrants–Safety.*—CBP shall continue its policies and activities that help protect people who travel on foot through dangerous terrain after having entered the United States between the ports of entry. CBP shall continue to prohibit CBP personnel from engaging in any activity that could damage water and food caches and increase efforts to increase migrant safety, including through the placement and maintenance of additional rescue beacons. The recommendation includes an increase of \$2,000,000 above the request for this purpose.”

Source (p.22):

<https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/FY2020%20Homeland%20Filed%20Report%20116-180.pdf>

FY21 Homeland Appropriations Report Language:

“*Migrants–Safety.*—CBP shall continue its policies and activities that help protect people who travel on foot through dangerous terrain after having entered the United States between the ports of entry. CBP shall continue to prohibit its personnel from engaging in any activity that could damage water and food caches and increase efforts to increase migrant safety, including through the placement and maintenance of additional rescue beacons. The recommendation includes \$4,000,000 for this purpose, an increase of \$2,000,000 above the fiscal year 2020 level.”

Source (p. 24): <https://www.congress.gov/116/crpt/hrpt458/CRPT-116hrpt458.pdf>