

Report Language: “The Committee is concerned that many of our land ports of entry on the southwest border were either not designed to accommodate asylum seekers or do not have adequate space to process the large numbers of asylum seekers who legally present themselves for primary inspection by CBP officers. The lack of processing space at land ports of entry strands vulnerable asylum seekers in Mexico and leads some to attempt to cross illegally in more remote locations between the ports of entry, further overwhelming U.S. Border Patrol resources. Therefore, the Committee directs GSA, in conjunction with CBP, to explore establishing a Center of Excellence to prioritize Construction and Acquisition program funding for major repairs and alterations at southwest border land ports of entry that have the highest number of asylum seekers. The Administrator is directed to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations within 90 days of enactment of this Act on the prioritization of and investments for all Capital Program – Construction and Acquisition projects.”[FSGG