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Statement by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano

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“Not only do we have an obligation to secure our borders, we have a responsibility to do so in the most cost effective way possible. The system of sensors and cameras along the Southwest border known as *SBI_{net}* has been plagued with cost overruns and missed deadlines. Effective immediately, the Department of Homeland Security will redeploy \$50 million of Recovery Act funding originally allocated for the *SBI_{net}* Block 1 to other tested, commercially available security technology along the Southwest border, including mobile surveillance, thermal imaging devices, ultra-light detection, backscatter units, mobile radios, cameras and laptops for pursuit vehicles, and remote video surveillance system enhancements. Additionally, we are freezing all *SBI_{net}* funding beyond *SBI_{net}* Block 1’s initial deployment to the Tucson and Ajo regions until the assessment I ordered in January is completed.”

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