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King Statement on DHS Decision to Cancel SBInet Program

Washington, D.C. (Friday, January 14, 2011) – Today, U.S. Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, issued the following statement in response to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) decision to cancel the SBInet program:

“While I understand the Department of Homeland Security decision to end the SBInet program, I continue to have very serious concerns about the Obama Administration’s lack of urgency to secure the border. Since announcing a moratorium to SBInet, it has taken DHS a full year to make the final decision to cancel the program. Now today, we learn that DHS will spend all of 2011, and maybe longer, deciding what to do next. These delays are unacceptable. The Obama Administration must promptly present the people of this country with a comprehensive plan to secure our borders, incorporating the necessary staffing, fencing, and technology. I expect the Administration, in its upcoming 2012 budget proposal, to put forward such a plan, including timelines and metrics.”