

Washington, DC (July 7, 2011) – The American economy continues to remain sluggish, and Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09) wants to make sure the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is playing an active role in stimulating job creation.

"I regularly visit with businesses throughout my Congressional district," said Bilirakis, a member of the House Homeland Security Committee. "Too often, I hear from them that the federal government appears, at best, indifferent to the concerns of America's job creators."

On Thursday, the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing to address DHS's efforts to protect American jobs while securing the nation.

By ensuring that Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) are working seamlessly with the private sector in the most effective and efficient ways possible, the country can prohibit pirated goods from entering the marketplace, counterfeit medicines from harming the sick, jobs from going to illegal immigrants, and sensitive security technology from falling in the hands of our enemies.

"In the global marketplace that we live and work in, we must ensure that sensitive products and services do not end up in the hands of those who wish to harm us, while at the same time allowing American employers and employees to compete with the rest of the world and create much-needed jobs," Bilirakis said.