Washington, DC - Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) released the following statement following the news that U.S. Customs and Border Protection met its goal of hiring 6,000 new Border Patrol agents by the end of the year, now employing more than 18,000 agents across the United States:

"Over a year ago I led a delegation of my colleagues to our southern border to find out what the folks who guard our border need to do their jobs better," said Barrow. "I immediately called for more resources and more agents, and I'm glad to see that the men and women who put their lives on the line for us are getting the extra support they need.

Our goal is total border security, and this is a step in the right direction."

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