

neighbouring state, Michigan, equalled more than \$97 billion in 2000.⁷⁸

On the other hand, some people, especially in Washington circles, are concerned that paying too much attention to trade facilitation as well as enforcement will take away from security.⁷⁹ The attention to trade facilitation in the Smart Border Accord did not escape the critical gaze of Matthew Mingus:

“The rhetoric [of the Smart Border] is that an efficient flow of routine trade and traffic will allow border officials to focus on ‘higher risk’ individuals and freight. This makes good sense; however, an unintended consequence of such a policy may be an increase in the concentration of trade and tourism through a limited number of border crossings.”⁸⁰

Increased concentration at the border without enough security could prove to be very dangerous indeed.⁸¹

As much as no one wishes to expose the continent to extreme levels of risk, some ask: what is the price of security? In stepping up security measures, there are unavoidable trade-offs

⁷⁸ Infrastructure Canada, “\$300 Million Canada-Ontario Investment at the Windsor Gateway,” Internet News Release (September 25th, 2002). Available at www.infrastructurecanada.gc.ca/bif/publication/newsreleases. Accessed January 13th, 2003.

⁷⁹ Hillary Clinton, “Border Security is Homeland Security,” Internet Letter (October 16th, 2001); Available at <http://clinton.senate.gov/news>; Accessed November 29th, 2002.

⁸⁰ Matthew S. Mingus, “Economic Security Not So Cheap as *Smart Border Declaration* Implies: Suggestions for Long-term Trade Deconcentration on the Canada-U.S. Border,” Submission to *Journal of Borderland Studies* (November 2002), pg 1.

⁸¹ Two of the world’s leading experts on nuclear weapons, Graham Allison and Andrei Kokoshin, tell us: “Could a nuclear terrorist attack happen today? Our considered answer is: yes, unquestionably, without any doubt. It is not only a possibility, but in fact the most urgent unaddressed national security threat to both the United States and Russia,” Graham Allison and Andrei Kokoshin, “The New Containment: An Alliance Against Nuclear Terrorism.” *The National Interest* (Fall 2002), pg 35.