



FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAMS REQUESTS

Title II – Security, Enforcement and Investigations

United States Customs and Border Protection Salaries and Expenses

Border Patrol Agents – I urge the Subcommittee to support the Administration’s fiscal year 2010 request of \$368 million in both the bill and report to support 20,000 border patrol agents under the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency. These additional agents are necessary to deter illegal border crossings.

Border Security Inspections and Trade Facilitation

Inspections, Trade and Travel Facilitation at Ports of Entry - I urge the Subcommittee to provide at or near the level provided in fiscal year 2009 in both the bill and report for Inspections, Trade and Travel Facilitation at Ports of Entry under the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency. This program helps facilitate the flow of legitimate travel and trade across United States borders, while ensuring that threats to the United States are not allowed entry.

United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal Operations

Criminal Alien Program – I urge the Subcommittee to provide at or near the level provided in fiscal year 2009 in both the bill and report for ICE’s Criminal Alien Program. This program identifies criminal aliens who are incarcerated in federal, state and local facilities and prepares them for immigration proceedings in an effort to ensure that they are not released into the community.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Aviation Security

Explosives Detection Systems/Explosives Trace Detection Systems – I urge the Subcommittee to provide at or near the level provided in fiscal year 2009 in both the bill and report for the procurement and installation of Explosives Detection Systems technology and Explosives Trace Detection equipment at airports within TSA. Explosives Detection Systems are the main technology used in the checked baggage screening process and allows faster processing of bags with improved threat detection capabilities.

Title III – Protection, Preparedness, Response and Recovery

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) State and Local Programs

Urban Area Security Initiative – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1.05 billion in fiscal year 2010, which is the level authorized by the “Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-53), or at least the level provided in fiscal year 2009 in both the bill and report for the Urban Area Security Initiative Regional Grant Program (High-Threat, High-Density Urban Area) under FEMA. The Urban Area Security Initiative Regional Grant Program benefits security enhancements in the nation’s most threatened urban areas, including Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Non-profit Security Grant Program – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$25 million in fiscal year 2010 in both the bill and report under the Urban Area Security Initiative account under FEMA for non-profit organizations as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which demonstrate that they are at high risk of terrorist attack. Non-profit organizations provide humanitarian aid and social services in everyday life, as well as during manmade and natural disasters. They remain targets of terrorists and radical extremists, as evidenced by homegrown terrorists groups in London, Madrid and Los Angeles that have included nonprofit institutions among their targets. This funding would provide a minimum assurance that federal assistance will be available to this vital sector.

Port Security Grant Program – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$400 million in fiscal year 2010 in both the bill and report for the Port Security Grant Program under FEMA, which is consistent with the amount authorized in the SAFE Port Act (P.L. 109-347). Our ports are vital centers of commerce that are vulnerable to potential terrorist attacks. This funding is necessary to protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism.

Rail and Transit Security Grant Program – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$900 million in fiscal year 2010 in both the bill and report for the Rail and Transit Security Grant Program under FEMA. This level is consistent with the amount authorized in the “Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007” (P.L. 110-53). This funding is necessary to protect critical public transportation infrastructure, as well as Amtrak.

Firefighter Assistance Grants

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$1 billion in fiscal year 2010 for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program under FEMA as authorized by the Firefighters Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2004, or at least the level provided in fiscal year 2009 in both the bill and report. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awards one-year grants directly to fire departments nationwide for training, equipment, firefighting vehicles, communications equipment, health and safety programs and fire prevention and education programs.

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program – I urge the Subcommittee to provide at or near the fiscal year 2009 level in both the bill and report for the SAFER Grant Program under FEMA to ensure local communities obtain personnel to adequately staff fire departments to protect both the fire fighters’ safety and public safety as well.

Emergency Management Performance Grants

Emergency Management Performance Grants – I urge the Subcommittee to provide \$680 million in fiscal year 2010, which is the level authorized in the “Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007” (P.L. 110-53), or at least \$487 million in both the bill and report for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program under FEMA. I also request that the Subcommittee maintain the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program as a separate and distinct grant program under FEMA. The Emergency Management Performance Grant Program helps state and local emergency managers develop, maintain and improve their emergency management capabilities, key components of a comprehensive national emergency management system for all hazards. Emergency Management Performance grants are used for personnel, planning, training and exercises at both the state and local levels.

