



# COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

David Price (D-NC), Chairman, Subcommittee on Homeland Security

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### *On the President's Proposal to Cut Funding for Homeland Security*

WASHINGTON – Today, Congressman David Price (D-NC), Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, issued the following statement in response to a proposal by the Bush Administration to make significant cuts to local homeland security efforts in the FY 2009 budget:

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“The Administration has recycled this same rationale for cutting first responder grants for a number of years, and it has been rebuffed every time by a bipartisan majority in Congress. In the post- 9/11, post-Hurricane Katrina environment, the responsibilities of state and local first responders have expanded significantly, and so has their need for better equipment and infrastructure. I don’t understand how anyone could reasonably suggest that those needs are even close to being met. There is no evidence that now is the time to drastically curtail the federal contribution to this endeavor and leave the states holding the bag – especially given the Director of National Intelligence’s testimony just days ago that Al Qaeda is improving its ability to attack within the United States.”

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