

FY2010 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies
Appropriations Requests
Senator Barbara Boxer

Boys Town Southern California Projects

Recipient: Boys Town USA

Location: Los Angeles, California

Amount: \$246,000

Funding will be used to expand Boys Town USA's Los Angeles area programs to serve more at-risk boys and girls. The funding will be used to further the organization's family services through its Family Home and its In-Home Family Services program.

California Chrysalis Ex-Offender and Homeless Job Training Initiative

Recipient: Chrysalis

Location: Los Angeles, California

Amount: \$500,000

Funding will be used for administrative costs at Chrysalis, a successful organization in Los Angeles that helps homeless and economically disadvantaged men and women get and keep jobs and ultimately attain long-term self-sufficiency.

California Spatial Reference Center

Recipient: University of California San Diego

Location: San Diego, California

Amount: \$1,000,000

This funding furthers services necessary to get accurate data from global positioning system (GPS). This data is used for seismic and infrastructure monitoring, coastal erosion and flood plain mapping, and engineering.

Coachella Valley Anti-Gang Task Force Project

Recipient: City of Cathedral City

Location: Cathedral City, California

Amount: \$500,000

Funds will support the Coachella Valley's Anti-Gang Task Force, which is a proven, collaborative effort between federal, state and local law enforcement, prosecutors and community leaders that provides a comprehensive approach to reduce gang violence.

Covert Camera and Surveillance Team

Recipient: County of Los Angeles

Location: Los Angeles, California

Amount: \$400,000

Funding will be used to purchase new equipment to aid Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's efforts to gather intelligence, track potential gangs and criminals, and recover illegal weapons and drugs.

DA Gang and Drug Crime Investigation and Prosecution

Recipient: County of San Diego

Location: San Diego County, California

Amount: \$700,000

Amid budget cuts, this funding will be used to support San Diego County's District Attorney to investigate and prosecute gang-related and drug crimes.

Digital Connectors At-Risk Youth Program Expansion

Recipient: Eden Housing

Location: Hayward, California

Amount: \$600,000

Funding will be used for administrative costs at Chrysalis, a successful organization in Los Angeles that helps homeless and economically disadvantaged men and women get and keep jobs and ultimately attain long-term self-sufficiency.

Domestic Abuse Response Team or D.A.R.T.

Recipient: City of Los Angeles

Location: Los Angeles, California

Amount: \$750,000

These funds would be used to hire more employees for Los Angeles' Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). DART is a collaboration between LAPD and specially-trained victim advocates who provide counseling, education and shelter referrals to victims in order to effectively reduce domestic violence.

East Bay Regional Communications System

Recipient: East Bay Regional Communications System Authority

Location: Dublin, California

Amount: \$3,000,000

Funds will be used to develop an interoperable communications system that ultimately will service the entire greater Bay Area.

East Palo Alto Violence Prevention Initiative

Recipient: City of East Palo Alto

Location: East Palo Alto, California

Amount: \$1,000,000

Funding will be used to enhance East Palo Alto's violence prevention initiative, which is an aggressive anti-gang initiative that coordinates 13 local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to address growing violent crime in the area.

G.R.E.A.T. Program

Recipient: City of San Bernardino

Location: San Bernardino, California

Amount: \$1,000,000

Funds will be used to continue a school-based partnership among the city, county probation, and the school district to provide gang resistance education and training (G.R.E.A.T.) and case management to high-risk youth.

Integrated Emergency Operations Center

Recipient: County of Sonoma
Location: Sonoma County, California
Amount: \$500,000

Funds will improve the communications interoperability of the Emergency Operations Center to effectively manage county wide emergency response.

Matt Garcia Police Activities League (PAL) Center

Recipient: City of Fairfield
Location: Fairfield, California
Amount: \$160,000

This funding will be used to help the Police Activities League (PAL) operate 5-days a week. PAL provides area teens with youth sports and healthy activities that develop personal character and foster a positive relationship among police officers. These programs offer youth safe, constructive alternatives to gangs, crime and delinquency.

Methamphetamine Initiative

Recipient: County of Solano
Location: Solano County, California
Amount: \$500,000

The Methamphetamine Initiative coordinates law enforcement activities – identification, investigation, and prosecution -- in several jurisdictions in Solano County to combat methamphetamine and gang- related crimes.

Oakland Police CompStat

Recipient: City of Oakland
Location: Oakland, California
Amount: \$1,325,000

CompStat – a centralized and consolidated criminal data system - will improve information sharing among Oakland’s public safety agencies across jurisdictional boundaries to prevent crime and quickly solve cases.

Oakland’s Special Prosecutions Project

Recipient: City of Oakland
Location: Oakland, California
Amount: \$612,000

This funding will allow Oakland to implement a special prosecution team dedicated to prosecuting misdemeanor crimes, such as petty theft and vandalism. This is part of the city’s overall crime reduction strategy.

Operation Peacekeepers

Recipient: City of Stockton
Location: Stockton, California
Amount: \$350,000

Funding will support pay to youth gang outreach workers and provide for education tuition and supplies, tutoring, GED testing, and support safe, alternative activities for teens.

Public Microwave System

Recipient: County of Mendocino

Location: Mendocino County, California

Amount: \$500,000

This project increases capabilities of public safety radio where coverage is currently sparse in the outlying areas of Covelo and Laytonville.

Regional Data Interoperability

Recipient: County of Fresno

Location: Fresno County, California

Amount: \$3,500,000

This funding will complete the network to connect all major police, fire and emergency services in Fresno County through a common dispatch. The network also allows localities to share information.

San Diego Police Department Crime Laboratory Technology Initiative

Recipient: City of San Diego

Location: San Deigo, California

Amount: \$265,000

Funding will be used to purchase new equipment for the San Diego Police Department's crime lab that will enhance the police department's ability to process forensic evidence.

San Joaquin Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program

Recipient: California ACTION Project

Location: Tulare County, California

Amount: \$400,000

This funding restores some cuts to the California Action Project, which tracks crime and provides specialized law-enforcement training on crimes affecting the agricultural industry, such as crop destruction. This not only protects our food supply, but it also protects California's agricultural economy.

Street and Anti-Gang Project (aka Gang Task Force)

Recipient: County of Monterey

Location: Monterey County, California

Amount: \$3,500,000

Monterey County Street and Anti-Gang Project, or Monterey County Joint Gang Task Force (GTF), is a countywide collaborative effort whose mission is to reduce gang violence throughout Monterey County. Participants in GTF include: the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, Probation Department and District Attorney's Office; the City of Salinas Police Department and the Cities of Soledad and Seaside. The GTF has made a significant positive impact on gang-related crime, and has become a statewide model of effective gang suppression.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 6, 2009

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski, Chairwoman
The Honorable Richard C. Shelby, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairwoman Mikulski and Ranking Member Shelby:

In the wake of a number of high-profile child kidnapping, molestation and murder crimes in 2004 – 2005, Congress worked to combine and strengthen three existing federal child protection laws and ultimately to pass the Adam Walsh Child Protection Act (“the Adam Walsh Act”). This strongly bipartisan legislation passed by unanimous consent in the Senate and by voice vote in the House. It was signed into Public Law 109-248 on July 27, 2006.

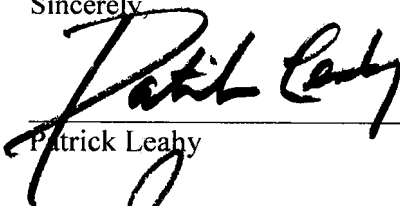
The Adam Walsh Act authorized many important programs and efforts, including the Big Brothers/Big Sisters youth mentoring program, Police Athletic Leagues, a pilot program for the electronic monitoring of sex offenders that provides law enforcement the resources to carry out the program, the Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Program or project grants, crime prevention grants for public outreach, the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network, a voluntary fingerprinting database for children, the U.S. Marshals Service's Fugitive Safe Surrender Program, and such sums as necessary for programs including Project Safe Childhood grants, sex offender apprehension grants, the Jessica Lunsford Address Verification Grant Program, DNA backlog grants, grants for a public awareness campaign on internet safety, sex offender management assistance, and sex offender treatment management programs.

With 37 co-sponsors in the Senate, the program funding levels in the Adam Walsh Act were overwhelmingly supported by Senators from both parties. Unfortunately, many of the programs authorized by the Adam Walsh Act did not receive funding in the FY 2008 Omnibus. Though we were pleased that funding was included for several programs in the FY 2009 Omnibus, the funding for many still remained short of the full authorized levels. The sums authorized by the Act are necessary to fulfill the stated intent of the law.

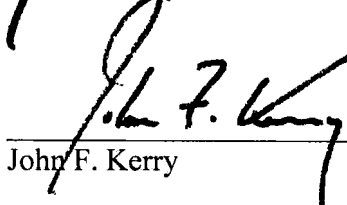
Programs under the Adam Walsh Act help keep our children safe from those who would threaten their health, emotional well-being and lives. We request that funding for these important programs be provided in the FY 2010 appropriations bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Patrick Leahy



John F. Kerry



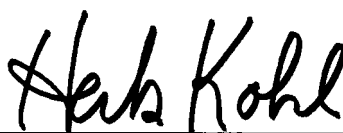
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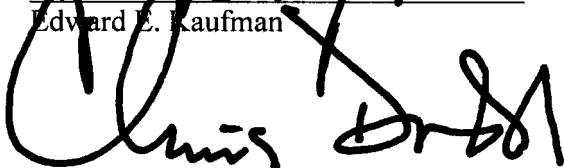
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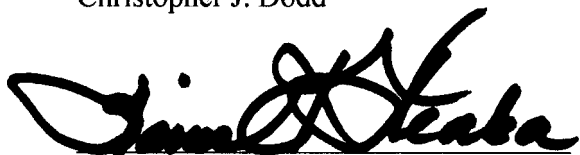
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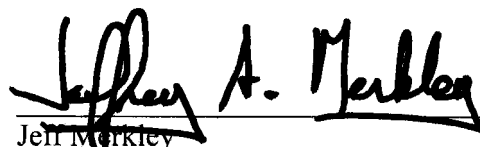
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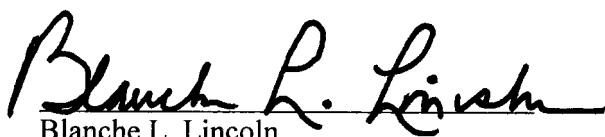
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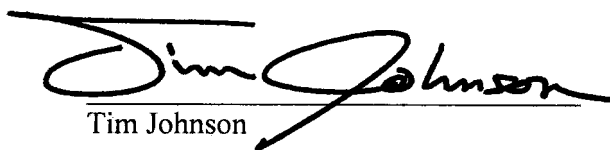
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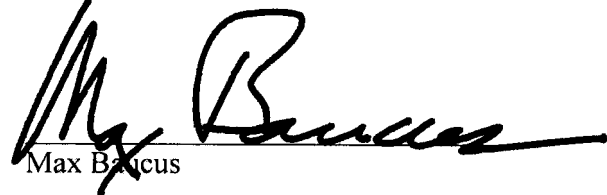
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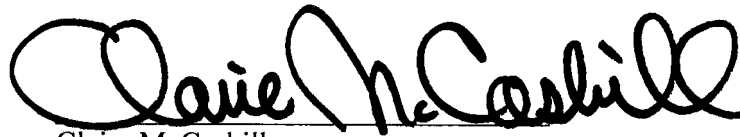
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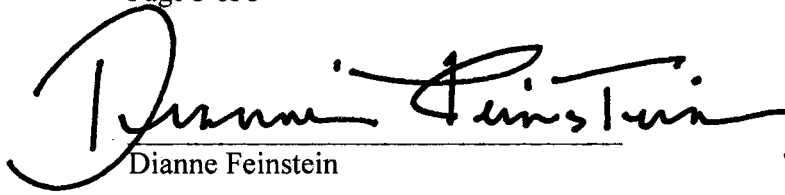


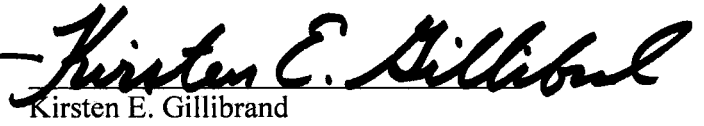
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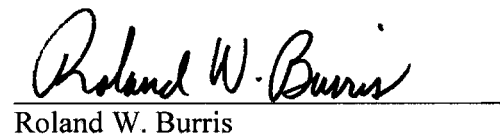
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cc: The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Thad Cochran, Ranking Member
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