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## **King/Clarke Amendment Restores Nuclear Detection Program Key to New York City and other Metropolitan Areas**

**Washington, D.C. (Wednesday, June 24, 2009)** — Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an amendment to the FY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations bill that will restore \$40 million in crucial funding for the “Securing the Cities” program, a partnership among federal, state and local authorities to prevent nuclear and radiological terrorism through a ring of detection devices in and around the New York City metropolitan area, providing direct protection for residents of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

The amendment was introduced by Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, along with Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY), Rep. Dan Lungren (R-CA), Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX) and Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ).

The Obama Administration’s proposed FY 2010 Department of Homeland Security budget had eliminated funding for the program. The King/Clarke Amendment restores that funding for FY 2010 at the level of \$40 million. The amendment also restores \$10-million for radiation portal monitors that can be deployed throughout the country.

“New York City is still the number one target for al Qaeda,” King said. “We know that terrorists would like to detonate a nuclear or ‘dirty bomb’ in one of our cities. Representatives Clarke, Lungren, McCaul and Pascrell deserve great credit for co-sponsoring this vital amendment, and the House deserves praise for passing it.”

“Securing the Cities is not only vital to New York, but could be replicated in cities throughout the country that could be targets of a radiological attack,” King said. “A successful terrorist attack such as this could cause a tragic loss of life and cripple an entire area for years to come. That’s why I continue to fight for Securing the Cities.”

For the past two years, King has introduced legislation to ensure the Securing the Cities program received the funding necessary to continue. In May, King introduced the bipartisan H.R. 2611 along with Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) and Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY). In 2008, King introduced H.R. 5531, “The Next Generation Radiation Screening Act of 2008,” which passed the House with overwhelming support. In 2007, King fought for and secured the full \$40 million for Securing the Cities in the face of efforts to cut the funding in half.

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