

Statement of Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Lamar Smith
Full Committee Markup of:
H.R. 6083, to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center
7/16/08

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

H.R. 6083 authorizes funding for the Ernest F. Hollings National Advocacy Center (NAC) in Columbia, South Carolina.

The National Advocacy Center (NAC)—a joint venture of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)—provides state and local prosecutors with specific skills needed to prosecute identity theft, gang-related activity, and other quickly emerging crimes facing our communities.

With technology evolving everyday and criminal activity spreading from our streets to the Internet, it is critical our nation's prosecutors are properly trained and equipped to adapt to this changing landscape. And it is also important they are trained to coordinate these efforts.

I support the mission and efforts of the National Advocacy Center and I urge my colleagues to vote for H.R. 6083.