



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Minority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader Boehner, Majority Leader Hoyer, and Minority Whip Blunt:

As the House and Senate begin final consideration of the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008, we urge you to uphold language included in the Senate bill to provide \$490 million for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program.

As a result of budget restrictions, the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program suffered severe cuts in the Fiscal Year 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act. The Senate language ensures that state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the country have the resources they need to combat violent crime and the spread of illegal drugs.

To highlight the immediate need for action, 218 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives sent you a letter in support of the Byrne-JAG program on March 6, 2008. As representatives of this large bipartisan group, we urge you to support the inclusion of \$490 million for the Byrne-JAG program in the final Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chair Law Enforcement Caucus

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Enclosure