

Dear Colleague:

As Co-Chairs of the House Law Enforcement Caucus, we encourage you to join us in requesting continued support for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program and COPS programs for Fiscal Year 2018 by sending the attached letter to the House Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee.

Since their inception, the COPS Hiring and Byrne JAG programs have enabled law enforcement agencies to form vital partnerships among communities and law enforcement officers, combat criminal activities, and develop and implement problem-solving and crime prevention programs nationwide. These two programs work hand-in-hand to provide evidence-based and innovative programs vital for public safety. Despite long-standing support for these programs, including a similar letter to appropriators last year that garnered over 180 signatures, they have both sustained cuts.

We urge to support local law enforcement and community safety by signing the attached letter encouraging support for the COPS Hiring and Byrne JAG programs in the Fiscal Year 2018 CJS appropriations bill. If you have any questions or would like to sign on, please fill out the form [here](#) or contact Isaac Tobis in Rep. Reichert's office (Isaac.Tobis@mail.house.gov or x.5-7761) or Dylan Sodaro in Rep. Pascrell's office (Dylan.Sodaro@mail.house.gov or x.5-5751).

Sincerely,

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