FY 2011 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies
Appropriations Requests
Senator Barbara Boxer

Agricultural Crime Technology Information and Operations Network (ACTION)
Recipient: County of Tulare
Location: Tulare, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Stanislaus Counties, California
Amount: $1,300,000
Funds will be used to investigate, prosecute and combat agricultural crime in 12 California counties by helping farmers identify stolen equipment and tracking the theft of chemicals and fertilizers that can be used to make explosives.

Building Individual Greatness (BIG) Program
Recipient: City of Merced
Location: Merced, California
Amount: $250,000
Funds will be used to support the Merced BIG program, which provides mentoring and academic scholarships to at-risk youth to deter them from joining gangs.

Community Command Center Program
Recipient: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Location: Los Angeles County, California
Amount: $570,000
Funds will be used to purchase mobile community command centers and support equipment that would be deployed in high-crime areas. Community command centers increase police visibility and accessibility to reduce crime.

Department In-Field Data Management
Recipient: City of San Jose
Location: San Jose, California
Amount: $704,000
Funds will link in-car Mobile Data Computers to enhance the effectiveness of San Jose's police department.

East Bay Regional Communications
Recipient: East Bay Regional Communications System Authority
Location: Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, California
Amount: $1,500,000
Funds will be used to finish and operate an interoperable communications system for first responders in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, connecting 35 first-responder agencies, including 29 cities and four special districts.

Emergency Communications System Improvements
Recipient: Yolo Emergency Communications Agency
Location: Yolo County, California
Amount: $900,000
Funds will purchase equipment for interoperable radio infrastructure to address serious communication shortfalls that jeopardize the effectiveness of emergency responses in Yolo County.

Gang Activity Surveillance and Prevention Program
Recipient: City of Santa Maria
Location: Santa Maria, California
Amount: $660,000
Funds will be used to purchase and install surveillance equipment in gang-affected areas to enhance gang suppression. Funds will also be used to expand the Police Activities League program to deter youth from joining gangs.

Gang Prevention Initiative
Recipient: County of Tulare
Location: Tulare County, California
Amount: $1,500,000
Funds will be used to expand the county's existing after-school and gang-prevention programs to rural areas where at-risk youth currently have few options after school.

Gang Suppression, Parolee and Sex Offender Management Program
Recipient: City of Desert Hot Springs
Location: Coachella Valley, California
Amount: $1,000,000
Funds will be used for surveillance in high crime areas of the Coachella Valley to better manage gang activity and monitor parolees, sex offenders, and violent offenders.

Gunshot Location System
Recipient: City of Richmond
Location: Richmond, California
Amount: $596,200
Funds will help expand the current ShotSpotter gunshot locator system into areas where the murder rate has increased by 38 percent since last year. The ShotSpotter system allows police to respond to gunfire in an area within 90 seconds.

Law Enforcement Tech Equipment & Infrastructure
Recipient: Inglewood Police Department
Location: Inglewood, California
Amount: $1,250,000
Funds will upgrade the outdated dispatch and records management system. The new system will speed the transmission of information to responding officers to increase their effectiveness in the field.

Matt Garcia Police Activities League Youth Center
Recipient: City of Fairfield
Location: Fairfield, California
Amount: $190,000
Funds will help the Police Activities League continue to operate five days a week. PAL provides at-risk teens with constructive alternatives to gangs and the chance to develop positive relationships with police officers.

Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Enforcement Team
Recipient: County of Solano
Location: Solano County, California
Amount: $277,000
Funds will continue and expand efforts of the narcotics enforcement team. The team identifies, investigates, arrests and dismantles criminal enterprises and assists in the prosecution of individuals involved in methamphetamine- and gang-related crimes.

Public Safety Communications System
Recipient: County of Mendocino
Location: Mendocino County, California
Amount: $250,000
Funds will complete the countywide digital microwave interoperable communications system, to provide secure and reliable communications throughout Mendocino County. This project will replace the failing analog communications system.

Public Safety Technology
Recipient: City of San Diego
Location: San Diego, California
Amount: $183,000
Funds will purchase updated communications technology for the city's police cars to allow data sharing, so officers on patrol can access criminal justice information in real time, enhancing their ability to apprehend criminal suspects.

Public Safety Technology and Equipment Upgrades
Recipient: City of Calexico
Location: Calexico, California
Amount: $460,258
Funds will be used to purchase radio and video equipment and computer upgrades for police and fire department vehicles. Calexico is the third-busiest U.S.-Mexico port of entry, handling about 40,000 pedestrian and car crossings daily, and has a need for additional technology and equipment to address crime.

Public Safety Technology Improvements
Recipient: County of Del Norte
Location: Del Norte County, California
Amount: $525,000
Funds will be used to upgrade the 911 Dispatch Center, purchase a crime-scene evidence van, and obtain patrol car equipment to improve the sheriff's ability to respond to criminal activity and emergencies.

Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) Hotline
Recipient: Rape Abuse and Incest National Network
Location: Nationwide
Amount: $300,000
Funds will support the national crisis hotline that provides live, secure, free and confidential help to victims of rape, abuse or incest.

Reentry Officer Training Project
Recipient: City of Redlands
Location: Redlands, California
Amount: $750,000
Funds will help create a Reentry Officer Training Project to train police officers in effective strategies to reintegrate prisoners. This research-based project will help police learn how to better reduce recidivism among parolees.

Regional Data Interoperability
Recipient: County of Fresno
Location: Fresno County, California
Amount: $1,600,000
Funds will complete the county's interoperable communications to connect all 47 major first responder agencies in Fresno, Kings and Madera Counties, and part of Tulare County.

Regional Public Safety Communications Project
Recipient: County of Placer
Location: Placer County, California
Amount: $1,500,000
Federal funds will be used to construct and implement an interoperable digital radio network that connects Placer County with Nevada and El Dorado counties, the California Highway Patrol and the City of Sacramento. This network will also support the U.S. Forest Service, FBI and other federal and state agencies that respond to wildfire events on federal lands.

Sacramento Justice Portal
Recipient: County of Sacramento
Location: Sacramento County, California
Amount: $1,000,000
Funds will create an interoperable justice data portal so law enforcement agencies within four counties can share data to identify and apprehend persons suspected of crime or terrorism. When completed, the system will connect numerous law enforcement, state and federal agencies within Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado and Yolo counties.

Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team
Recipient: County of Ventura
Location: Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, California
Amount: $596,291
Funds will support law enforcement positions and purchase equipment to assist in the monitoring of registered sex offenders in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

Street and Anti-Gang Project – Gang Task Force
Recipient: County of Monterey
Location: Monterey County, California
Amount: $1,500,000
Funds will support the Monterey County Street and Anti-Gang Project, which is a countywide collaborative effort to reduce gang violence. The task force has made a significant impact on gang-related crime, and it has become a statewide model of effective gang suppression.

Substance Abuse Treatment Centers
Recipient: Phoenix House
Location: Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego Counties, California
Amount: $700,000
Funds will sustain Phoenix House's residential treatment programs for youth who have criminal records or substance abuse problems.

Tools for Tolerance
Recipient: Simon Wiesenthal Center
Location: Los Angeles, California
Amount: $1,000,000
Funds will support training for criminal justice professionals to enhance their capacity to prevent and address hate crimes.

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 31, 2010

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 bipartisan legislation passed unanimously in the Senate and by voice vote in the House. It became 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 cosponsors in the Senate, the program funding levels in the Adam Walsh Act were overwhelmingly supported by Senators from both parties. Though we were pleased that funding was included for several programs in the FY 2010 Omnibus, unfortunately the funding for many programs 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 2011 appropriations bill.

We certify that neither we nor our immediate families has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) that we have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. We further certify that we have posted a description of the items requested on our official websites, along with the accompanying justification.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Thad Cochran, Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations