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Fiscal Year 2014 programmatic requests for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science

Support the President's FY 2014 Request for the **Byrne-JAG Grant** and **COPS Hiring Grant Programs**

**Explanation:** The Byrne-JAG Grant and COPS Hiring Grant 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. The two programs work hand-in-hand to provide evidence-based and innovative programs to address a multitude of problems within the criminal justice system.

\$12 million for the **CHOOSE Youth Program**

**Explanation:** The CHOOSE Youth Program helps individual victims of abuse and helps schools and communities develop appropriate policies and procedures to address teen dating violence.

\$2 million for the **Coastal Zone Management Program**

**Explanation:** The Illinois Coastal Management Program, which works to preserve, protect, restore, and where possible enhance coastal resources in Illinois for this and succeeding generations, is funded by the Coastal Zone Management Program.

\$1 billion for the **Crime Victims Fund**

**Explanation:** A growing need for these funds nationwide, coupled with a growing balance in the Fund, compels us to request a 2014 VOCA cap of at least \$1 billion. The Crime Victims Fund is financed not by taxpayer dollars but by fines, forfeitures, and other penalties paid by federal criminal offenders. By statute, the Fund is dedicated solely to supporting victim services.

\$125 million for the **DNA Analysis Backlog Reduction/Crime Lab (Bloodsworth Grant)**

**Explanation:** The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) awards grants to states wishing to receive funding to help defray the costs associated with post-conviction DNA testing of forcible rape, murder, and non-negligent manslaughter cases in which actual innocence might be demonstrated. Funds may be used to review such post-conviction cases and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases.

\$100 million for the **Elder Justice Act**

**Explanation:** The Elder Justice Act coordinates efforts to prevent elder abuse on a federal level. It provides first-time dedicated federal funding for adult protective services, provides grants to support the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, and authorizes grants to enhance long-term care staffing through training, recruitment, and incentives for individuals seeking or maintaining employment in long-term care.

\$28 million for **Fisheries Habitat Restoration**

**Explanation:** The Community Based Restoration Program provides scientific expertise and funding to national and regional partners and local conservation organizations in order to restore coastal and marine habitat through locally-driven projects that instill strong conservation values and engage citizens in hands-on activities.

\$30 million for the **Juvenile Accountability Block Grant**

**Explanation:** The basic premise underlying the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program is that both offender-focused and system-focused activities must hold the offender accountable and address the fact that three parties are affected by juvenile crime, the offender, the victim and society.

\$486 million for the **Legal Services Corporation**

**Explanation:** The Legal Services Corporation distributes nearly 94% of its total funding to 135 independent nonprofit legal aid programs which provide legal assistance to low-income individuals and families in every congressional district. Programs that receive LSC grants help the most vulnerable, such as military veterans seeking disability benefits, families facing unlawful evictions or foreclosures, and women seeking protection from abuse.

\$9 million for the **Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act**

**Explanation:** People with serious mental illness are significantly overrepresented in the criminal justice system. MIOTCRA addresses the need for greater collaboration between the criminal justice system and mental health agencies by supporting a wide variety of innovative programs, including mental health courts, specialized law enforcement-based responses, in-facility treatment for mental illnesses and substance abuse, and interventions for youth who are involved or at risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system.

\$6 million for the **National Criminal History Improvement Program**

**Explanation:** National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) grants are used to enhance the quality and completeness of the nation's criminal history record systems by providing financial and technical assistance to states for the establishment or improvement of computerized criminal history record systems.

\$187.5 million for the **National Instant Background Check System Improvement Amendments Act**

**Explanation:** The law provides for grants to states to upgrade their electronic databases, incentives for states to transmit electronic records to NICS, penalties for states that do not comply, and requirements for keeping the system up-to-date, including the removal of obsolete or erroneous records.

\$7.626 billion for the **National Science Foundation**

**Explanation:** NSF provides more than \$160 million to the University of Illinois across the three campuses. The University of Illinois needs this funding to support basic research in all disciplines across the three campuses and significant projects such as the

Blue Waters, the world's most powerful academic supercomputer, and the Emiquon Field Station, which monitors floodplain restoration and conservation efforts.

\$12 million for the **Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART)**

**Explanation:** The SMART Office include providing jurisdictions with guidance regarding the implementation of the Adam Walsh Act, and providing technical assistance to the states, territories, Indian tribes, local governments, and to public and private organizations. The SMART Office also tracks important legislative and legal developments related to sex offenders and administers grant programs related to the registration, notification, and management of sex offenders.

\$12 million for the **Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program**

**Explanation:** The Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (NFSIA) awards grants to states and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. Among other things, funds may be used to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic evidence and to train and employ forensic laboratory personnel, as needed, to eliminate such a backlog.

Support the President's FY 2014 Request for the **Public Telecommunication Facilities Program**

**Explanation:** Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) provides funding for the infrastructure and upgrades that enables the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) to meet its universal service requirement. PTFP predates the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, and is the only federal source of start-up funding for stations looking to enter underserved communities. These stations often bring service to Native American reservations, rural, and minority communities.

\$9 million for the **Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus Grant Program**

**Explanation:** This program encourages institutions of higher education to adopt comprehensive, coordinated responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Campuses, in partnership with community-based nonprofit victim advocacy organizations and local criminal justice or civil legal agencies, must adopt protocols and policies that treat violence against women as a serious offense and develop victim service programs that ensure victim safety, offender accountability, and the prevention of such crimes.

\$21 million for the **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program**

**Explanation:** The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program assists states and local governments to develop and implement substance abuse treatment programs in state and local correctional, and detention facilities and to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for offenders. The goal of the RSAT Program is to break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs.

**\$41 million for the Rural Grant Program**

**Explanation:** The Rural Grant Program supports services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault living in rural and isolated areas, and also includes prevention strategies to reach young people before the abuse begins. These rural victims face unique barriers to leaving an abusive situation, including a small number of programs serving a large geographic area, harsh weather conditions that can make travel difficult, under-resourced law enforcement, and a lack of services including child care, legal services, and public transportation.

**\$64 million for the Second Chance Act**

**Explanation:** The Second Chance Act invests in government and nonprofit agencies to provide reentry programs to adults and youth returning to our communities from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities. The programs address the myriad of needs that people returning have, including mental health and substance abuse treatment, housing, employment, and education—needs that, when unmet, can increase the likelihood that a person will reoffend.

**\$205 million for the Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors Formula Grant Program**

**Explanation:** The STOP Grant Program is at the core of effective coordinated community responses to domestic violence and sexual assault which helps hundreds of thousands of victims find safety and receive services every year, while holding thousands of perpetrators accountable for their actions. While STOP is an extremely effective program, its funding has remained stagnant for years at the same time that the need for STOP services, training, and responses has increased. Also, the impact of sequestration will significantly increase the number of victims who cannot receive services and supports from STOP, requiring additional investment in this life-saving program.

**\$35 million for the Sexual Assault Services Program**

**Explanation:** The Sexual Assault Services Program provides federal funding dedicated entirely to the provision of direct services for victims of sexual violence. SASP formula funding is awarded to states, territories and tribes to provide services to adult and minor sexual assault victims and their families.

**\$9 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program**

**Explanation:** The State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) is designed to reimburse states and local correctional facilities for the costs associated with the incarceration of criminal aliens. Awards provide partial reimbursement to states for the costs of incarcerating criminal aliens based upon the total funds available under the program and the amount requested from all states and local governments.

**\$15.8 million for Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms**

**Explanation:** TAAF provides positive and measurable impact on distressed U.S. manufacturers. In a widely anticipated study released in September 2012, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) reported to Congress that the effect of participation by import-impacted U.S. firms in the program was an increase in firm sales ranging from 5 to 6 percent on average, and the U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Annual Report to Congress found that two years after

completing the program in FY2010, participating firms experienced an average employment increase of 13.2 percent, an average sales increase of 26.8 percent, and an average productivity increase of 11.9 percent. These findings confirm that although designed as comparatively small and nimble program, it has had significant and positive impact on U.S. firms.

\$33 million for **VAWA Youth and Prevention Programs**

**Explanation:** The CHOOSE Youth Program helps individual victims of abuse and helps schools and communities develop appropriate policies and procedures to address teen dating violence, and it should be funded at 12 million. The SMART Program provides critical prevention programming to help reduce dating violence and sexual violence, and it should be funded at \$12 million. The Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus program helps institutions of higher education adopt a comprehensive response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and create a safer campus, and it should be funded at \$9 million.

Support the President's FY 2014 Request for the **Victims of Child Abuse Act**

**Explanation:** Victims of Child Abuse Act funds Children's Advocacy Centers which provide an efficient, cost-effective mechanism for handling cases of severe child abuse and are strongly supported by law enforcement, prosecutors, and the judiciary.