

Congressman Mike Quigley

Fiscal Year 2014 programmatic for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security

\$337.5 million for the **Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program**

**Explanation:** This program is critical to ensuring that our nation's first responders are adequately trained and equipped to safely and effectively respond to emergencies in their communities.

Support President's FY 2014 Request for **Aviation Security**

**Explanation:** As a result of a lack of funding, the Transportation Security Administration is insufficiently staffed and unable to keep up with the high volume of travelers in airports around the country. Lines for security screening during peak hours can back up as demand exceeds resources. Increased funding is necessary to ensure that security wait times in airports like Chicago's O'Hare International are not overly long.

Support the President's FY 2014 Request for the **Cyber Security Division of the Homeland Security Advanced Research Project Agency**

**Explanation:** The Cyber Security Division generates crucial research and technologies that help protect our nation's critical information and physical infrastructure from growing cyber threats.

\$120 million for the **Emergency Food and Shelter Program**

**Explanation:** The City of Chicago relies the Emergency Food and Shelter Program to supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services for hungry and homeless people in Chicago.

\$15 million for the **Emergency Management Performance Grant Program**

**Explanation:** This program is designed to assist state and local governments in enhancing and sustaining their all-hazards emergency management capabilities. EMPG supports the Illinois Emergency Management Agency by providing funding for planning, organizational, equipment, training, exercises, and management of emergency management programs.

Support the President's FY 2014 Request for the **Homeland Security Advanced Research Project Agency**

**Explanation:** HSARPA produces cutting-edge, next-generation technologies for the homeland security community. The innovative research performed by HSARPA grants results in new technologies which in turn lead to stronger protections for the U.S. against terrorism and natural disasters.

\$75 million for the **Homeland Security Grant Program**

**Explanation:** The Homeland Security Grant Program is a core homeland security assistance program that provides funds to build capacities at the state and local levels

through planning, equipment, training and exercise activities, and to implement the goals and objectives outlined in Illinois' State Homeland Security Strategy.

**\$10 million for the Immigration Integration and Citizenship Grant Program**

**Explanation:** These grants are used to help legal permanent residents realize their dream of becoming U.S. citizens. In FY 2012, Congress did not provide funding for the immigrant integration program. Without funding for the immigrant integration program, the agency will again be forced to cut back its grants or raise application fees, which would undermine the grants program by discouraging legal immigrants from becoming Americans.

**Support President's FY 2014 Request for the Salaries and Expenses Account of U.S. Customs and Border Protection**

**Explanation:** As a result of a lack of funding, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is insufficiently staffed, resulting in extremely long waiting periods in airports across the country. Passenger flows at Chicago's O'Hare and Midway airports continue to increase, and federal security staffing must be increased to meet these demands, as part of a national and City-wide tourism strategy.

**\$337.5 million for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant Program**

**Explanation:** This program, authorized in 2003, provides much-needed funding for career and volunteer fire departments to hire new firefighters and recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. This program is critical to the thousands of fire stations across the country that are currently operating short of staff and to those seeking to retain current first responders in the face of the economic downturn and recovery.

**\$347 million for the State Homeland Security Grant Program**

**Explanation:** These funds support the implementation of state Homeland Security Strategies to address the identified planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. SHSP also provides funding to implement initiatives in the State Preparedness Report.

**Maintain current funding for the Transit Security Grant Program**

**Explanation:** Funding for the Transit Security Grant Program has been cut by more than half in recent years to \$97.5 million. Maintaining current levels is critical for security on transit systems, including Chicago's video camera monitoring systems and transit police functions.

**\$500 million for the Urban Areas Security Initiative**

**Explanation:** These funds address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density urban areas and assists in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism. It is critical that this funding continue to

be allocated directly to urban areas rather than through consolidated state block programs as proposed in previous years.