Minette M. Genuchi

From:

Kerry P. Eagan

Sent:

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 8:28 AM

To:

Minette M. Genuchi

Subject:

FW: Urgent - SCAAP Legislative Action Requested

Attachments:

SCAAP LTR 2017.docx

Please include this email and attachment with the packet for discussion under the Legislative Update. -kpe

From: Bradley L. Johnson

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:00 PM

To: Kerry P. Eagan

Subject: FW: Urgent - SCAAP Legislative Action Requested

Hi Kerry, this program provides between \$50,000 and \$60,000 a year for us. We may want to lobby our federal representatives, what do you think?

Sincerely,

Brad Johnson

Director Lancaster County Department of Corrections 402-441-1902



From: Angela M. Koziol

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 1:24 PM

To: Bradley L. Johnson

Subject: FW: Urgent - SCAAP Legislative Action Requested

I don't know who this should go to....county attorney or maybe the county board?

From: Michael Moore [mailto:mmoore@jbi-ltd.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 10:56 AM

To: Angela M. Koziol

Subject: Urgent - SCAAP Legislative Action Requested

Please Help Save the SCAAP Program - Contact Members of Congress

I am asking for your support and action to help preserve funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).

Securing our nation's borders is the sole responsibility of the federal government. As part of this responsibility, the federal government has an obligation to punish undocumented immigrants who commit

criminal acts. Recognizing that many of these individuals are incarcerated in state and local jails, in 1994, Congress established the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) to help offset the financial burden placed on state and local governments.

The SCAAP program has been an extremely important reimbursement program that allows local law enforcement agencies to better allocate limited financial resources on protecting communities.

With only a short time remaining before the Appropriation process is completed, it is imperative that the law enforcement community continue to contact Members of Congress to convey the importance of this program.

Attached is a sample letter suitable for forwarding to Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate asking for their support. Given the time schedule for Congressional consideration it is imperative that this communication be accomplished as soon as possible.

In addition to your Representatives and Senators, please send letters to the following Appropriations Chairman that have jurisdiction over DOJ programs:

Congressman John Culberson

Chairman, House Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and State H-310 Capitol Building Washington, DC 20515

Fax: (202) 225-1808

Senator Richard Shelby

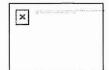
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and State SD-142 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 Fax: (202) 224-5202

If I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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I am contacting you to request that the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) be fully funded in the FY 17 and FY 18 Department of Commerce, Justice, State Appropriation Bills. The SCAAP program is instrumental to keeping the nation safe as it helps to identify criminal aliens that pose a risk to our citizens and reimburses localities for the cost of their incarceration.

As you aware, the SCAAP program is a local and federal partnership whereby correctional facilities across the country provide critical data to the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on criminal aliens that have been convicted of state and local crimes.

Congress passed SCAAP to partially reimburse state and local governments for incarceration costs incurred as direct result of the Federal Government's failure to secure the border. Offsetting the costs that states and localities incur for the incarceration of these individuals provides funds for valuable law enforcement activities including homeland security efforts. Full funding of SCAAP is essential to ensure that we have the resources necessary to keep our communities safe.

Unfortunately, the program has been severely under-funded in recent years. With local law enforcement budgets already stretched to the limit, any reduction in SCAAP funding is of great concern. Without this support, state and local governments continue to have a significant financial burden placed upon them. Therefore, we are asking for your support to fully fund the program at a minimum of \$900 million for FY17 and \$950 million for FY18. The Federal Government's failure to secure the nation's border has created significant financial challenges for law enforcement and SCAAP is the only program available that will help offset these costs.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support for this important program.

Sincerely,