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Honorable Senator Jerry Moran
Chairman, Senate Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
Room 521
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Ref: Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Funding

Honorable Senator Moran,

The Sheriffs of Kansas and the Kansas Sheriffs Association (KSA) are reaching out to you today to ask for your support for funding the Midwest HIDTA. The Office of Management and Budget has released its FY 2026 Budget Proposal and that includes a 35% reduction in HIDTA's national budget, equating to an approximate \$5 million dollar reduction.

The Midwest HIDTA supports coordinated drug control efforts across Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska. Here in Kansas Midwest HIDTA funding supports anti-narcotics initiatives in Wyandotte, Leavenworth, Johnson, Shawnee, Miami, Franklin, Crawford, Labette, Cherokee, Saline, Sedgwick, Barton, Finney and Seward Counties.

Over 90% of the Midwest HIDTA's \$15.9 million budget is allocated directly to state and local law enforcement entities. Kansas entities receive \$3.9 million per year from HIDTA. If this budget amount is approved, it would mean that funding would be reduced by \$1.2 million.

Thank you for considering our request to maintain the current budget for Midwest HIDTA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the KSA Executive Director, Sandy Horton at sandy@kansassheriffs.net or his cell phone 620-249-2419 or myself.

Sincerely,

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