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The Honorable Senator Young
Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator, Young -

On behalf of the Indiana State Police Alliance (ISPA), I urge your support for the reauthorization and continued funding of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program. HIDTA is an essential tool in combating drug trafficking and its devastating effects on Indiana communities.

Indiana plays a pivotal role in the fight against drug trafficking due to its extensive highway system, which is frequently exploited by traffickers transporting illicit drugs across the country. HIDTA funding has enabled law enforcement agencies in our state to establish effective interdiction programs, such as the Domestic Highway Enforcement Program, which has successfully intercepted large quantities of fentanyl, methamphetamine, heroin, and other dangerous substances before they reach our communities. These efforts have also resulted in the seizure of illicit firearms and cash proceeds linked to criminal organizations.

In addition to enforcement, HIDTA provides critical resources for intelligence-sharing, training, and coordination among federal, state, and local agencies. The integration of Drug Intelligence Officers and Public Health Analysts in Indiana has fostered collaboration between law enforcement and public health officials, leading to a more effective response to the opioid crisis. This multidisciplinary approach ensures that law enforcement efforts are complemented by prevention and treatment initiatives, addressing both the supply and demand sides of the drug problem.

HIDTA's governance structure, which includes equal representation from federal, state, and local agencies, ensures that Indiana's specific needs are met with targeted and adaptable strategies. The ability to allocate resources efficiently allows law enforcement agencies to quickly respond to emerging drug threats and evolving trafficking patterns.



The HIDTA Program has proven to be a sound investment, demonstrating a strong return by removing dangerous drugs from our communities, dismantling criminal organizations, and improving public safety. Any attempt to remove HIDTA from ONDCP would weaken its effectiveness and disrupt the successful partnerships that have been built over the years.

We strongly urge you to support the reauthorization and full funding of ONDCP and HIDTA so that we can continue to protect Hoosier communities from the devastating impact of drug trafficking and substance abuse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Krueger", with a large, stylized initial "S" that loops around the first part of the name.

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