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Executive Director:

To: The Mayor *Tom Cochran*
From: J. Thomas Cochran, Executive Director
Subject: House Action on Anti-Crime Legislation

We need your help to ensure quick passage of House anti-crime legislation. The House Judiciary Committee is close to completing action on a host of anti-crime bills, including new legislation entitled the "Crime Prevention and Community Justice Act" which provides \$6.5 billion over five years for prevention measures, including \$2 billion for formula-based Public Safety Partnership Grants.

Next week the House will consider a host of anti-crime measures including the prevention bill. The House has already passed approximately 18 bill and among them is one which would authorize funding for 50,000 additional police officers. After final passage of all the legislation, the 20 some bills will be packaged for conference with the Senate.

It is critical that the House complete action on crime legislation before it adjourns for the Easter recess, so that a House-Senate conference can resolve differences in the bills when Congress returns in April, and the final bill can be sent to the President soon thereafter.

Please contact your city's delegation and any other members of the House whom you know to urge them to complete action on the anti-crime bills before they adjourn for the Easter recess. Let your representatives know how important this is to you and your city, and try to instill in them a sense of urgency and a willingness to compromise so that a balanced series of bills which address both punishment and prevention can be enacted. We have been working with top White House staff on crime bill strategy. They believe a strong grass roots effort is important if we are to see the House complete action on a useful and balanced bill before the Easter recess.

Please call Laura DeKoven Waxman, Ed Somers or me if you need any further information. Please provide us copies of any letters which you send. Thank you for your help in this most important matter. It can really make the difference!