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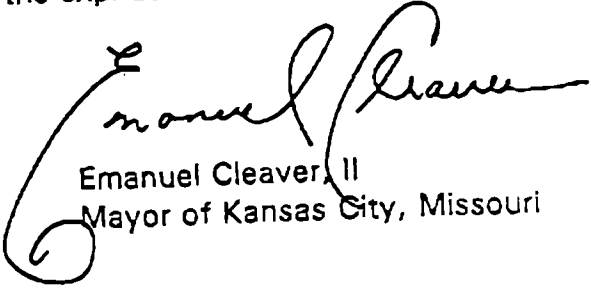
September 14, 1993

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Control Desk, Room 948
633 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20531

Gentlemen:

The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department is submitting a grant application for the Police Hiring Supplement Program, and with this letter I affirm my strong support and that of the City Council for this effort. Various important public safety needs are detailed in the application itself, and I will not repeat them here.

We have tried in recent months to provide additional local funding for police through a broad initiative involving higher taxes. This effort failed at the polls in the summer of 1993. It is my intent as Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri to seek the means to continue these projects following the expiration of this grant and federal funding. }



Emanuel Cleaver, II
Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri

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August 25, 1994

Ms. Marcia Hale
Assistant to the President and Director of
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West Wing
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. J. Thomas Cochran
Executive Director
United States Conference of Mayors
1620 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Mayor Victor Ashe
President
United States Conference of Mayors
1620 Eye Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Hale, Mr. Cochran and Mayor Ashe:

As Labor Day approaches and it is possible that the United States Senate will fail to act on the Crime Bill, it is imperative that we make one last effort to see its adoption, without amendment, in the United States Senate.

Key mayors should convene in Washington one more time, including Republican mayors from large media markets including Mayors Riordan and Giuliani. It is also important that any trip to Washington be preceded by local press conferences.

When we last gathered in Washington it was very clear from the meeting with the House Republicans that they realized that they are vulnerable on the issue of the "gridlock". You will recall that, first, Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) told us that when we left the meeting they would appreciate it if we did not criticize them publicly. He made it clear that this would make it more difficult for them to reach an agreement with the House Democrats. Reading between the lines, it was very evident that our public criticisms would make it more difficult for them to extract concessions in the Bill. We remained silent and as a result, they were able to increase the cuts from five to 10 percent.

Secondly, Gingrich made no bones about the fact that the House Republicans were miffed because, when the House Democrats caucused they effectively excluded the

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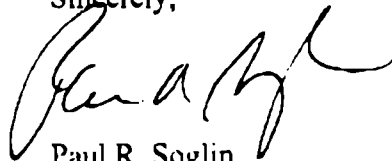
House Republicans from the Conference Committee decision-making process. He made it very clear that because of their actions, the House Democrats and The White House were to be punished and that there was to be no Republican help in adopting a bill. This petulant behavior may play well in Washington, but it doesn't work outside the Beltway. The other evening on ABC's Nightline, Senator Simpson (R-Wyo.) made the same point from the Senate side, despite repeated assertions by Senator Biden (D-Del.) that the Republican Senators had been included in the discussions of the past weekend.

Right now, the media coverage within the Beltway focuses on the President's effectiveness. In the rest of the country, where **mayors** generate local coverage on the Crime Bill, the media focus is on the gridlock and the obstinate position of critical Republican senators.

It is for these reasons that I again suggest that mayors and other local leaders have press conferences in the major media markets focusing on the gridlock and the stonewalling on the part of the Republican senators. This should then be followed the next day with a meeting with both the Democratic and Republican Senate leadership. Hopefully, the Washington press corps, bored with their Clinton spin on the Crime Bill story and perhaps interested in the real issue, will pick up on the articles coming out of the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Boston Globe, etc., and focus on the gridlock.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Paul R. Soglin
Mayor

PRS/hsb

cc: Mayor Paul Helmke (Fort Wayne), President, Nat'l. Republican Mayors Conference
Mayor Michael R. White (Cleveland), President, Nat'l. Democratic Mayors
Conference
Mayor Norman Rice (Seattle), Vice President, USCM
Mayor Richard M. Daley (Chicago), Chair, Advisory Board, USCM

Correspondence faxed to all parties: Thursday, August 25, 1994.

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August 25, 1994

Mr. Howard Stringer, President
CBS Broadcast Group
CBS
51 West 52nd Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Stringer;

I am writing to you to protest the handling of a Crime Bill interview your Network News Division recently aired.

As you can see from the enclosed "Fact Sheet," the interview was conducted on July 18, 1994, in my offices in Kansas City, Missouri. The interview was held and unused until the Evening News on August 23rd and your Morning News on August 24th.

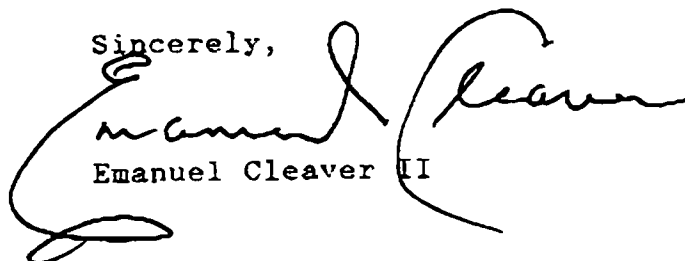
By the time the interview aired, my concerns about the Crime Bill had been addressed, and I was wholeheartedly in support of that Bill. Your network's dated report indicated otherwise.

No one from your News Division checked with either me or my office to see whether my position had changed during the time between the interview and the air date of that interview.

I believe the interview misrepresented my opinions.

CBS News has always had a deservedly fine reputation, and I felt that you should be made aware of the incident.

Sincerely,


Emanuel Cleaver II

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Ms. Marcia Hale
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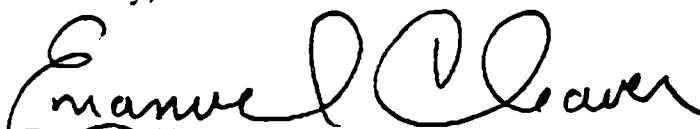
Dear Marcia:

Attached is a copy of the resolution which the Kansas City, Missouri City Council unanimously passed this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in support of the Crime Bill.

I truly commend our President and his able leadership in forging a bi-partisan coalition to pass this historic measure. Hopefully, we can now begin the important work of successfully implementing the many innovative prevention programs delineated in the bill.

Thank you once again for all your hard work. I appreciate your support in the last 48 hours and look forward to continued communications.

Sincerely,


Emanuel Cleaver II

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Applauding the President and United States Congress for successfully passing the Crime Bill.

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of August, 1994, the United States Congress has taken a bold step forward in bettering our nation's communities through the passage of the Crime Bill; and

WHEREAS, President William Jefferson Clinton is hereby commended for his outstanding leadership in bringing the Crime Bill to the American people and our elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate should hereby be commended for their bipartisan effort in passing the Crime Bill; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Bill contains law enforcement programs such as grants for additional police officers, Drug Court Programs, judges, prosecutors and public defenders; and

WHEREAS, the State will receive grants for such prevention programs as education, drug treatment and job programs, after school and in-school "Safe Havens" for at-risk children, the President's Youth Employment and Skills crime prevention program, and sports leagues; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri will receive 100 additional police officers as a result of the passage of this bill and will be able to expand and enhance our already successful community policing programs; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council do hereby officially applaud and commend our nation's President and Congressional delegations for their hard work and effort in passing this historic measure as we look toward the 21st century.

CHRISTOPHER S. BOND

MISSOURI

COMMITTEE:

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2503

August 25, 1994

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The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver, II
Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri
29th Floor, City Hall
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Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2778

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Dear Mayor Cleaver:

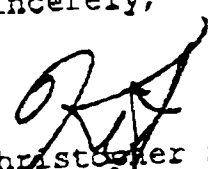
Thank you very much for your letter of August 24 clarifying the position you expressed on CSB Morning News. Since the report was carried on August 24, I was not aware that it had been taped over one month earlier. I will certainly note your wholehearted support for the crime bill.

As you may recall I voted for the crime bill which passed the Senate earlier this year, but I do have problems with the final version as adopted by the conference. In meetings I have had with police officers, prosecutors, and state and federal law enforcement officials around Missouri, I heard from them specifically the kinds of comments that you and Chief Bishop were shown making on that CBS news program. The sessions I had with these law enforcement personnel were off-the-record so I have not quoted them by name, but I would say that they represent a very broad cross-section of law enforcement in Missouri.

I hope that we are able to produce a final product which will assist you in your efforts to provide top-quality law enforcement for the people of Kansas City, Missouri.

Again, my sincere thanks for your letter and my apologies for my misinterpretation of your remarks aired on CSB Morning News.

Sincerely,


Christopher S. Bond

CSB/jlp

August 24, 1994

The Honorable Slade Gorton
United States Senator
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4701

The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senator
SH-302 Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4701

Dear Senator Gorton and Senator Murray:

As mayors of Washington State communities representing over 1.3 million residents, we are writing to urge you to support the House-passed crime bill and to work for its immediate passage.

As mayors, we are wrestling with the problems of crime and violence every day. This bill will make a huge difference in our communities. This bill will help us make our streets safer, our schools safer, and our people safer.

We believe the crime bill represents a balanced and effective approach to the problems of crime and violence that threaten every community across our nation. The combination of more police officers, tougher punishment, and greater crime prevention programs for our youth are vital to addressing the problems we see every day in our communities.

In particular, we want to urge your support for the crime prevention programs contained in the House-passed crime bill. Programs like job training and youth employment, domestic violence prosecution and prevention, drug and alcohol treatment, community schools, and youth recreation are vitally important to our efforts to stop the violence we see in our communities and reduce the level of criminal activity. Crime prevention funds represent less than 25% of the entire bill, but they are essentially promoting safer, healthier communities in the long term.

According to congressional estimates, the House-passed bill would provide Washington State with \$191 million to hire an estimated 2,000 new police officers, \$45 million in

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The Honorable Patty Murray
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prison funding to address the costs of tougher sentencing, and \$75 million for crime prevention.

Our communities and our people desperately need these resources, and we urge you to support immediate passage of this crucial legislation.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Booth

Charles A. Booth
Mayor of Auburn

Mike Deal

Michael Deal
Mayor of Puyallup

Tim Douglas

Tim Douglas
Mayor of Bellingham

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Rosemarie Ives
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Mayor of Federal Way



EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, CITY OF PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

ROBERT E. METIVIER
MAYOR

August 24, 1994

The Honorable John H. Chafee
567 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Chafee:

As the United State Senate moves to consider the crime bill today, we are asking for your support in approving this critical piece of legislation for our communities.

Crime is an issue of paramount concern to many of our citizens and this year's sweeping anti-crime legislation will give local law enforcement officials the tools they need to make a difference. This legislation reinforces the goals of community policing by providing more law officers and supporting a number of important programs which assist local agencies in their efforts to promote positive activities for our young people. While some have chosen to label such programs as midnight basketball leagues "pork" or "social welfare spending", they are an important part of a comprehensive approach to fighting crime and creating opportunities for our young people.

The assault weapon ban contained in the legislation is another crucial component of this legislation. We know the NRA is putting considerable pressure on Senators to oppose this provision and your continued support for this piece of the bill is necessary.

While there are those who seem willing to sink the crime bill as a means of handing President Clinton and the Democratic Party a political setback, it is our hope you will look to the larger picture of what is needed to promote law and order and protect citizens all across the country. The people of Pawtucket, and all of the citizens of Rhode Island need your vote to secure this balanced crime package which will give our police the assistance they need to make our communities safer.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Metivier
Mayor

Richard E. DeLyon
Chief of Police





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Executive Director:

J. THOMAS COCHRAN

August 24, 1994

The Honorable Robert Dole
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

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On behalf of the United States Conference of Mayors, we are writing to express our strong support for the omnibus crime legislation pending in the Senate and to urge *immediate passage of the bill.*

Last year, our nation's mayors and police chiefs joined together to develop our own recommendations for federal measures to address crime, culminating in the release last December of our report, A National Action Plan to Combat Violent Crime. This was a bipartisan effort which called for flexible law enforcement assistance, firearms control, a strengthened criminal justice system, and crime prevention programs.

Mayors and police chiefs took the recommendations of the report to the Administration and to Congress, and the crime bill now before the Senate closely mirrors our recommendations. That is why we believe this bill to be balanced legislation which will have a major impact on violence in our society.

Republican and Democratic mayors recently met with the bipartisan leadership in the House to urge action on balanced crime legislation, and we support the compromise which was approved.

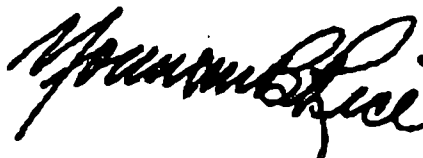
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The time for the Senate to act is now. Any delay in enactment of this legislation will only lengthen the time until new police officers hit our streets and needed prevention programs begin to impact our communities. We urge your support for the crime bill.

Sincerely,



Victor Ashe
Mayor of Knoxville
President



Norman Rice
Mayor of Seattle
Vice President



Richard Daley
Mayor of Chicago
Chair, Advisory Board



Jerry Abramson
Mayor of Louisville
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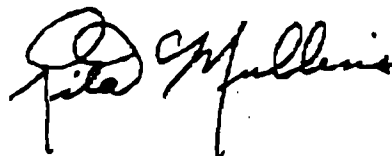
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Mayor of New York City



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Mayor of Philadelphia



Paul Soglin
Mayor of Madison



Rita Mullins
Mayor of Palatine

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August 24, 1994

The Honorable Christopher 'Kit' Bond
United States Senator
State of Missouri
The U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator ^{Kit}~~Bond~~:

Let me be perfectly clear: I am wholeheartedly in support of the Crime Bill currently being considered by the United States Senate.

Remarks you have been making to the contrary are based on a July 18th interview with CBS News. Since that time, numerous changes have been made to the bill and I have, in fact, been strenuously lobbying on behalf of that bill.

In discussions with Kansas City Police Chief Steven Bishop and City Manager Larry Brown, we determined that, even with the 25% matching requirements, Kansas City would be able to hire up to 100 additional police officers. We need, want, and will be able to afford those officers. Jackson County Prosecutor Claire McCaskill is also strongly supporting the Crime Bill.

The CBS News interview was outdated. It was also incorrect, as have been your comments regarding my position.

Let me also stress that any further cuts on the prevention side of the Crime Bill will make it unappealing to myself and other mayors who are on the front lines in this national crisis of crime.

Once again, I wholeheartedly support the Crime Bill and urge your support of this important legislation in its current form.

Sincerely,

Emanuel Cleaver II

cc: United States Senator John Danforth

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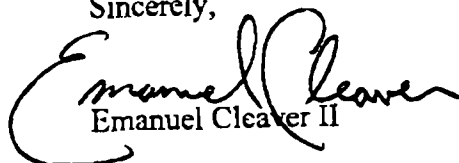
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Emanuel Cleaver II

cc: United States Senator Nancy Kassebaum

FEB-25-0000 01:46 FROM MAYOR WEBB'S OFFICE

TO

7343 P.01

Wellington E. Webb
MAYOR



City and County of Denver

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August 23, 1994

The Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell
380 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Campbell:

I am writing to urge you to support the new conference report on the crime bill. Ben, I know that you met with a group of Denver leaders and members of my staff last week when they were in Washington to attend the Partners Against Violence conference. You told the group then that you would support the bill, but there have been many changes since then. I hope that none of the cuts and consolidations made last weekend have changed your mind. Although the new conference report on the crime bill is far from perfect, I know that it will help the City and County of Denver and most of the other urban communities in this country.

As I read the summaries, there is actually a bit more money for additional police officers in this conference report (\$13.5 billion) than in the original (\$13.2 billion), plus \$9.9 billion to states for prisons and boot camps, \$5.5 billion for consolidated prevention programs, and \$1.4 billion for anti-drug efforts. Although this is far from a guarantee of significant assistance for Denver, it is the boost we need in Denver for "next steps" in the fight to end violence and crime.

It has been more than a year since the Task Force on Youth Violence and Crime, which I chaired, was convened by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It has been more than a year since the American people began telling their representatives at all levels that crime is their top concern. It has been more than a year since Congress began work on this crime bill.

During that year, cities (including Denver) have reallocated their own resources and directed more money and more hard work toward the fight against crime. At the same time, we have worked hard with the White House and the Congress to help forge a federal crime bill which will help us over the next six years.

FEB-25-0000 01:46 FROM MAYOR WEBB'S OFFICE

TO

7343 P.02

We support the President's call to the Senate to keep on trying until it succeeds in passing a crime package. It is sorely needed by all of our cities. We have no more local reserves to tap beyond what we have already added to our budgets.

Thank you for your support, Ben.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wellington E. Webb".

Wellington E. Webb
MAYOR

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The Honorable Hank Brown
716 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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We hope we can count on your help, Hank.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wellington E. Webb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "W".

Wellington E. Webb
MAYOR



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August 15, 1994

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The failure of Congress to take up your Anti-Crime Initiative has compelled me to write and convey my confidence in your Presidency and total support of your efforts to resurrect this legislation so important to our nation's future.

Of Connecticut's six U.S. Representatives, Congressman Gary Franks was the only one to vote against taking up the Crime Bill. I can assure you that I will contact other Connecticut mayors and we will convey our displeasure to Congressman Franks. We will do our part in Connecticut. However, if I can do anything else to assist in gaining support for reconsideration by Congress of this legislation, do not hesitate to let me know.

I also wish to express my appreciation to you personally for the courageous leadership you have demonstrated by moving not only the issue of crime in America, but also health care reform, to the fore front of our national agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael P. Peters".

MICHAEL P. PETERS
MAYOR
CITY OF HARTFORD



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August 15, 1994

The Honorable George Mitchell
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JOHN TURCOTTE
DIRECTOR, JOINT P.E.E.R. COMMITTEE
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Dear Senator Mitchell:

WILLIAM POUND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The National Conference of State Legislatures commends you for your leadership and determination in forging a compromise on health care reform legislation. We urge you to persist in your efforts to obtain bipartisan comprehensive reform and are committed to working with you to achieve this objective.

NCSL supports many of the key concepts in your legislation, including universal coverage, portability, renewability, and coverage of pre-existing conditions. We are, however, deeply concerned about other elements of the proposal, especially those that shift costs to the states, create new administrative costs, limit state flexibility, and preempt state laws and practices. We recently have begun constructive discussions with Senator Graham, Senator Wellstone, Senator Leahy and others on the "State and Federal Issues" team. We are hopeful that this work will lead to changes in S. 2357 that will allow us to support the final package.

The balance of this letter specifies our concerns, most of which we have conveyed to Senator Graham and his colleagues on the State and Federal Issues team.

NCSL supports the full integration of the Medicaid population into the larger reform effort. Your proposal would go a long way toward achieving this goal; however, it also imposes significant administrative burdens and costs on state governments. We believe several revisions in the Medicaid provisions are needed. Briefly, we would encourage you to: (1) change the state maintenance of effort inflation factor from the national factor in the bill to one that reflects state cost containment efforts; (2) guarantee and fully fund the subsidies for low-income individuals; and (3) design a more equitable approach including disproportionate share payments into state maintenance of effort payments. We are also concerned about the administrative burden associated with operating the new low-income subsidy program. Finally, the bill fails to adequately address the costs to states of providing health care to illegal immigrants.

NCSL supports funding health care reform with a progressive, broad-based funding source that has potential for growth. Among the revenues upon which the bill relies to fund the federal portion of the system are insurance premium taxes and tobacco product tax increases which intrude directly on traditional state tax bases and compel new accelerated costs for states. NCSL also opposes the compulsory Medicare payroll tax payments on state government employees. NCSL commends your proposed improvements in the tax treatment for self employed individuals and for long term care insurance products.

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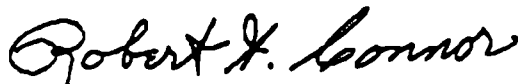
We are troubled by the bill's top-down approach to administrative functions. We are particularly concerned where the proposal: (1) severely restricts the ability of states to innovate; (2) preempts state law; (3) creates a climate for increased litigation; and (4) creates duplicative federal requirements for activities currently administered by states. As currently drafted, your bill "grandfathers-in" a very limited number of existing state reform programs. We firmly believe that states, particularly those that have enacted reform initiatives should be permitted and encouraged to proceed. While your bill limits states to essentially one health alliance model, there are other models in operation or in the beginning implementation stages in many states. In this relatively new area of health care administration, we believe state experimentation can provide critical information on how the different models work and how to make them work most efficiently. We believe Senator Graham's proposed amendment on "Enhanced State Waiver Authority" is a very important step in that direction and support it wholeheartedly.

We are specifically opposed to the preemption of state laws regarding: (1) the regulation of managed care entities, including state "any willing provider" and utilization review laws; (2) scope of practice; (3) medical malpractice; and (4) community rating. In general, regarding the preemption of state law we much prefer a system that would set goals and national performance standards and leave the implementation to the states. Finally, Section 5534 of your bill permits individuals to sue states in federal court without exhausting existing state court and administrative remedies. We strongly oppose this provision and believe it provides an incentive for frivolous and costly litigation.

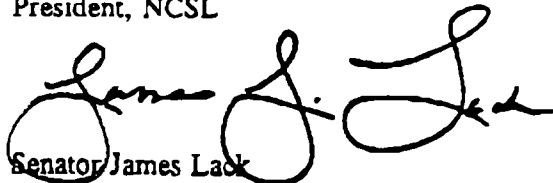
As legislators, we realize that achieving comprehensive health care reform necessarily is not a painless process for anyone, including state governments. We are hopeful that, by working with the State and Federal Issues team and you, we will be able to fashion a proposal that state legislators can embrace.

We look forward to working closely with you over the next several days. Please feel free to call any of us for additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,



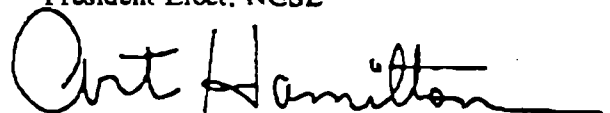
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J. THOMAS COCHRAN

August 12, 1994

TO: The Mayor

Tom Cochran

FROM: J. Thomas Cochran, Executive Director

RE: Reversing the House Vote on the Crime Bill

This is the critical weekend in the life of the crime bill. The President traveled today to Minneapolis with New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell; they were joined by Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton and St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman. Accompanied by the mayors, the President is addressing the National Association of Police Organizations, calling for passage of the crime bill. It is vitally important that mayors around the country speak out today and over the weekend on why this bill is important for their cities and their citizens. The rule on the bill was defeated yesterday by eight votes. We must work hard to turn this around.

We urge you to do the following:

- 1) Organize a public event with other local leaders -- the police chief, police officers, prosecutors, victims and/or business, neighborhood and religious leaders -- to show support for the bill as it is and to urge those members who voted against it to listen to the American people and reverse their vote next week.
- 2) Use any already scheduled public meetings to speak out in support of the crime bill.
- 3) Issue a press release indicating your support for the bill and why it is important for your city and urging Members of the House of Representatives who voted against the bill to reverse their vote and support it. If your own city's Representatives voted against it, urge them to change their vote and do what is best for their constituents.
- 4) Make personal calls to your city's delegation. Urge those who voted against the bill to change their vote next week. Thank those who voted for it for their support.

Please fax copies of any press releases or articles describing public events to Laura DeKoven Waxman at (202) 293-2352. Please send these today, over the weekend and first thing Monday morning. We will assemble the releases and clips to show how broad the support across the country is for the bill.

Key points to stress in your public statements include:

- * Midnight basketball and other recreation programs, substance treatment, after-school programs, employment and training programs all provide positive opportunities to young people that can steer them away from crime. They are not pork and when Members of Congress hurl such accusations it shows that they are out of touch with the needs of the communities they represent.
- * Semi-automatic assault weapons have no place on the streets of America. Drug traffickers and youth gangs frequently use them to gun down victims in spray-fired drive-by shootings. Our police are now frequently out-gunned by criminals on the street. The modest ban included in the crime bill does not infringe on the rights of legitimate gun owners.
- * Most cities need more police officers. This bill will help us to hire them, to increase police presence on the streets and to institute or expand community policing practices, which work to prevent as well as control crime.

The following statement was issued by the three top officers of the Conference of Mayors the day the bill was reported out of the conference committee. It puts our strong support for the bill in perspective:

"No group has worked harder to garner support for this crime bill than the mayors of America; no group is more pleased at the outcome of the conference committee's work. Now we appeal to all the members of the House and Senate for quick passage of the bill crafted by the committee.

"The sooner this bill is finalized, the sooner we can escalate the war on crime, the sooner we can put more police on our streets, the sooner we can take more young people off of them, out of harm's way and into programs that offer hope for a productive life."

Attached is a chart which appeared in today's New York Times which shows how Members of the House of Representatives voted on the rule yesterday and on the crime bill when it passed the House in April. Those who voted for the bill in April and against the rule yesterday constitute an excellent target list.

COMPARE A CONTRAST

House Votes on Crime Measures

IN THE FIRST COLUMN is the 225-to-210 roll call by which the House today refused to allow a \$33.2 billion anti-crime bill to be sent to the floor for a vote. A "yes" vote is a vote to debate the package on the House floor. Voting yes were 198 Democrats, 11 Republicans and one independent. A "no" vote was a vote to block further consideration. Voting no were 58 Democrats and 167 Republicans.

IN THE SECOND COLUMN is the 285-to-141 vote by which the House passed the \$28 billion crime bill on April 21. A "yes" vote was to pass the bill. Voting yes were 219 Democrats, 65 Republicans and one independent. Voting no were 34 Democrats and 107 Republicans. An X denotes those not voting. Seats marked with a dagger (†) were vacant in April.

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August 11, 1994

Honorable Victor Ashe
President, United States Conference of Mayors
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Dear Mayor Ashe:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of August 2. The National Conference of State Legislatures does maintain serious reservations about the crime bill, but because of the strong support of local government for the bill, we thought it would be counterproductive to work against its passage as a whole. Among our reservations with the bill are a number that should have the leaders of our nation's towns and cities also concerned.

The funding for the crime bill is promised through a "trust" fund—and yet there is little reason to trust the fund. It depends upon the reduction in federal employees of 250,000 over the next five to six years. If the federal government does not meet its employment force reduction goals in that time span then the trust fund is to be fortified by carving up other programs under the discretionary spending caps. As you well know, state and local governments are the first to feel the knife when Congress starts cutting into discretionary spending. Even if the targets are met, each program is subject to the vagaries of the appropriations process and the tension to reduce the deficit. New mandates help them achieve program goals that they cannot afford. One thing we can trust is that the fund will disappear in six years; thus causing painful adjustments for local governments reminiscent of those suffered when general revenue sharing was lost.

Another concern that we have expressed with the bill is the inadequate attention to the need for balance in the justice system. Placing 100,000 new police officers on the streets will at least initially result in more arrests. This means an increasing burden on state courts, public defenders and prosecutors. Without adequate recognition of the needs of these sectors, the crime bill has created an unfunded mandate on the states. If the funding is not provided to meet the needs, then the police work is an exercise in futility.

We are also troubled by the broad expansion of the federal role in state corrections policy. Money is promised, but the federal government conditions that money in ways that manipulate state sentencing policy. We have testified to the need to allow flexibility, but the Congress does not seem interested. Instead of assisting states in

overcoming judicial mandates, the Department of Justice will now be seeking assurances of compliance with a host of new regulations.

Finally, the federal government continues a process of federalizing criminal law and establishing sentences for crimes that are essentially within the jurisdiction of state and local government. This trend grants prosecutors the right to preempt or circumvent state law by prosecuting in federal court and can create friction between federal and local law enforcement. Although the most egregious expansion--federalizing gun offenses--was eliminated, the Congress could not resist the temptation of federalizing the juvenile offenses of possession of a handgun and allowing the waiver of juveniles as young as 13 into adult federal court.

We think that these significant rearrangements in our constitutional system are auctioned too cheaply for funding that is so precarious.

Whether the bill becomes law or not, we look forward to building a strong working relationship with local governments in the fight against crime and violence in our society. Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,


Robert Connor
Senate Minority Whip, Delaware
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August 9, 1994

TO: The Mayor **Tom Cochran**
FROM: J. Thomas Cochran, Executive Director
RE: House Vote on the Rule for the Crime Bill

The vote on the rule which will govern House debate on the crime bill is now scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, August 10. Although procedural in nature, this is the key vote in the House and passage is not assured.

Attached are target lists of Democratic and Republican House members with their telephone numbers. Please call any that you know personally and as many as possible -- particularly those of your own party -- today and first thing tomorrow morning. Urge them to vote for the rule and for the bill.

If the rule fails it is unlikely that the final crime bill will include some of the key provisions supported by mayors and police chiefs across the country. The conference agreement currently includes:

- * \$8.845 billion in funding for 100,000 additional police officers, with flexibility to allow the funds to be used to procure equipment, technology or support systems or pay overtime;
- * a strong package of prevention programs, including the Local Partnership Act which will provide funds directly to local governments for education, drug treatment and employment programs that prevent crime;
- * gun control provisions, including a ban on 19 kinds of semi-automatic assault weapons and strengthening of federal gun dealer licensing statutes;
- * a total of \$8.3 billion for state and local prisons and alternative forms of incarceration.

This is a balanced bill and a good bill. It includes many of the elements of our National Action Plan to Combat Violent Crime. It has come this far because of your efforts. Please make those calls as we enter the home stretch.

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CT	Nancy Johnson	225-4476
DE	Michael Castle	225-4165
FL	Bill Young	225-5961
FL	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	225-3931
FL	Charles Canady	225-1252
FL	Clay Shaw	225-3026
IA	James Leach	225-6576
IL	Harris Fawell	225-3515
IL	Henry Hyde	225-4561
IL	Robert Michel	225-6201
IL	John Porter	225-4835
KS	Jan Meyers	225-2865
MA	Peter Blute	225-6101
MD	Wayne Gilchrest	225-5311
MD	Connie Morella	225-5341
MN	Jim Ramstad	225-2871
NJ	Christopher Smith	225-3765
NJ	Jim Saxton	225-4765
NJ	Marge Roukema	225-4465
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NY	David Levy	225-5516
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MO	Pat Danner	225-7041
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J. THOMAS COCHRAN

August 5, 1994

TO: The Mayor
FROM: J. Thomas Cochran, Executive Director
RE: The House Vote on the Crime Bill

Tom Cochran

We need your help now! All of our hard work on the crime bill could be for naught if the House fails to pass a procedural rule which governs debate on the conference agreement. It is critical that over the weekend and on Monday you make public statements urging your Representatives to vote for both the rule and the agreement and that you contact them as well with that message.

Floor consideration of the rule and the conference agreement have been postponed until next week because the votes are not there to pass them now. Opposition to the rule is coming from three groups: Republicans are opposing the rule as a partisan matter, pro-gun Democrats because the bill includes the assault weapons ban, and some Congressional Black Caucus members because the bill includes death penalty provisions but no racial justice provisions. The rule, which is entirely procedural, provides a way for Representatives to protest the bill without actually voting against it.

Targeted members include Republicans who voted for the original crime bill and assault weapons ban, and members of the CBC. There has been some success in getting some of these Representatives to agree to vote for the rule. According to news reports, the National Rifle Association is putting intense pressure on many Members to vote against the rule.

The conference agreement includes all of our priorities for the crime bill:

- * Flexible funding to cities for 100,000 additional police officers;
- * A ban on 19 kinds of semi-automatic assault weapons and tightened federal gun dealer licensing procedures;
- * Strong prevention measures, including the Local Partnership Act, to assist us in addressing the root causes of crime.

If it weren't for America's mayors these provisions would not be in the bill and we would not have come this far. Now, once again, it's up to mayors to make the difference.



STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
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MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

August 4, 1994

TO: New York Congressional Members
FR: Governor Mario Cuomo *MMC*
RE: Federal Crime Bill

I am writing to urge you in the strongest terms to support a rule allowing the Conference Report on the Crime Bill to come before the full House as soon as possible.

The Crime Bill is of immense importance to the citizens of our great State. From Buffalo to New York City, the entire State is waiting for the Congress to pass and implement what will become the most effective and comprehensive anti-crime and violence strategy ever adopted. Your vote in favor of this bill will long be remembered as a defining moment in the war on crime and violence.

I am attaching an information sheet highlighting the estimated benefits which the Crime Bill will bring to New York State.

Thanks you for your assistance in this matter so important to our State.

Attachment

HOW THE CRIME BILL WILL BENEFIT NEW YORK STATE

The \$33 billion federal crime bill developed by Congress' conference committee contains significant provisions that will be of immense value to New York State.

Governor Cuomo, Mayor Giuliani and the New York Congressional delegation worked diligently for months to secure the fullest protection for New Yorkers in the federal crime bill. It is anticipated that New York's share of the crime bill's resources will total more than \$1 billion in the next six years.

Because the final language from the Conference Report is not yet available, the following highlights reflect assumptions based on the general information provided and the State's historic share of federal anti-crime programs.

ASSAULT WEAPONS

The federal ban on assault weapons closely parallels Governor Cuomo's proposed State legislation, and was the subject of strong lobbying in Congress by New York.

While continuing to fight for an essential State law to ban assault weapons, Governor Cuomo, upon passage of the federal ban, will offer to work with the U.S. Attorneys in New York to establish procedures under which the State Police may bring assault weapon cases to federal authorities for prosecution.

COMMUNITY POLICING

A total of \$8.8 billion is available over six years for community policing. Under the Crime Bill, police agencies are given flexibility in determining how federal funds can be used to implement community policing. New York strongly advocated for the flexibility, which was considered critical to the effective use of the federal funds by the New York City Police Department and most police agencies in New York State.

These funds will be distributed at the discretion of the Attorney General. If fully funded, we estimated that upwards of \$400 million will be made available to New York communities over the next several years, adding between 2,000 and 6,000 additional police officers.

DRUG TREATMENT IN PRISONS

The \$300 million for drug treatment programs in state prisons was a crucial goal of New York, which sought federal assistance to augment the State's successful treatment programs.

DNA ANALYSIS

New York promoted federal investment in technology, including DNA analysis, and the federal legislation makes \$40 million available. The State Legislature this year passed Governor Cuomo's DNA Evidence Program Bill.

PRISONS

New York supported the flexible mandates for the 60 percent of \$6.5 billion in prison funds to be distributed to the states based on their violent crime rates. Assuming that the crime bill is fully funded, we estimate that New York State would receive approximately \$327,152,119, \$54,525,353 million annually if allocation is divided equally among years and the State meets the requirements contained in this section of the bill.

CRIMINAL ALIENS

The Conference report authorizes \$1.8 billion to states for the cost of incarcerating undocumented criminals. New York is disproportionately affected by this problem. In fact, New York is paying approximately \$63 million annually in incarceration costs, not including the related costs of added prison construction and an overburdened judicial system.

Although the rules regulating the distribution of these funds have yet to be determined, we expect the funding formula to be weighted in favor of those states most burdened by this problem. If the funds were distributed based on each state's share of the nation's criminal alien population, New York would receive close to \$40 million per year over the life of the bill. New York will continue to lobby for a share of the funding that reflects New York's criminal alien population.

PREVENTION

New York expects to receive more than \$330 million of the recommended \$7.4 billion. Included is funding for midnight sports leagues for at-risk youth. Governor Cuomo this year began the nation's first statewide Midnight Basketball League to provide at-risk youth with a new avenue to dignity.



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August 3, 1994

The Honorable Robert H. Michel
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Michel:

I write to urge you to support the Crime Bill that the House and Senate Conference completed last week.

This bill provides the significant federal support needed by the states and localities to counter the current unacceptable level of crime throughout our nation, particularly in our urban areas. Most significantly, the bill not only authorizes funding for states and localities to increase their police forces, but it also provides the needed flexibility for states and localities to utilize the community policing monies in ways in which to enhance law enforcement presence in their communities. In New York City, we have already expanded our police force by 7,000 officers in the last few years and taken other measures to enhance public safety in all our City's communities. The Crime Bill will enable us to utilize the community policing funds to enhance the effectiveness and visibility of this increased uniformed force of over 38,000 police officers on our streets through civilianization initiatives, overtime programs and technological innovations. The Crime Bill will also make needed monies available to reimburse localities, such as New York City, for the costs associated with housing illegal criminal aliens in our local jails, to fund prison expansion which will alleviate the overcrowding in local correctional systems, and to make resources available to prosecutors for increased staff to ensure more effective and efficient prosecutions of criminal offenders.

Clearly, there are aspects of this bill which are less attractive than others. Legislative proposals of this magnitude inevitably require compromise on a variety of issues in order to achieve the desired result. On balance, however, this bill provides states and localities with the resources needed to enhance anti-crime efforts and to begin to turn the tide of violence on our streets so that all of our citizens can enjoy safe and secure communities.

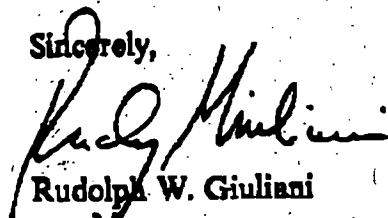
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In closing, I urge you and your Republican colleagues to vote for the Crime Bill -- it will make a difference in the lives of all New Yorkers.

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Rudolph W. Giuliani
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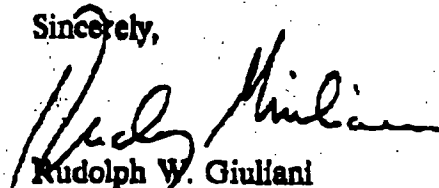
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August 2, 1994

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Minority Leader
United States Senate
The Capitol
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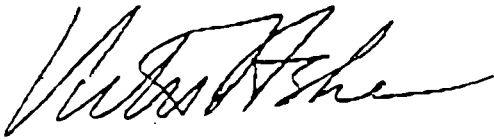
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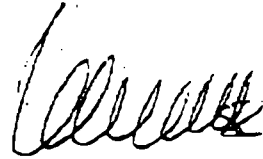
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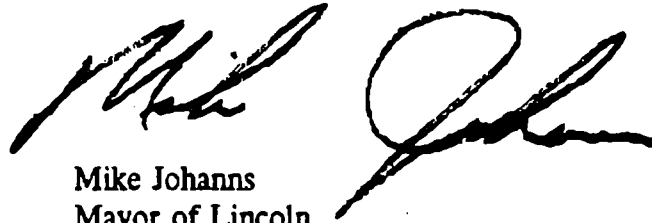
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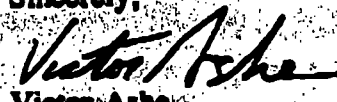
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July 21, 1994

Honorable Joseph Biden
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6275

Dear Senator Biden:

I write to urge you and the members of the conference committee to make changes in the Crime Bill such that the people of New York City can productively benefit from this initiative.

New York City shares the objective of the President and the Congress to increase the number of police officers on our streets. Indeed with this objective in mind, New York City increased its level of police officers by over 7,000 in the last three years, reaching the level of 38,310 officers. Unique to New York City, this increased uniformed level is mandated by State law and, consistent with State law, presently must be maintained by the City. Therefore, at this juncture, the City's critical need is not to add new police officers but is to utilize our existing force of officers in a more effective manner through the use of technology and equipment purchases, overtime initiatives and civilianization programs designed to relieve officers of administrative functions -- all of which would have the desired effect of placing more officers in direct enforcement functions. In short, we can effectively add officers to enforcement in New York City if we have the flexibility to use the Community Policing funds currently slated in the bill for hiring new officers in more creative ways. As I mentioned in my May 4th letter to you on this topic, if the Crime Bill does not add this type of flexibility into that section of the Crime Bill which currently allocates 85% of the Community Policing funds for hiring and/or re-hiring police officers, New York City, as well as many other localities throughout the country, would be limited in its ability to avail itself of these funds.

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In our view, New York City should be assured of receiving its fair share of the funds presently earmarked for hiring and re-hiring police officers, but should be given the flexibility to determine how best to use the funds to yield the equivalent number of additional officers on our streets. The absence of such an assurance would unfairly prejudice New York City for recently hiring over 7,000 officers at considerable expense to its taxpayers. If we were to be given the flexibility I am requesting, we would be willing to certify to the Federal government how the funds were used to actually enhance policing. For example, if the funds were used for overtime, we would assure the Federal government that the funds would not supplant those funds we currently have available for this purpose, and we would demonstrate the extra hours of policing those funds made possible to the streets of New York City and, of course, be open to any audit necessary to certify the same.

I am also concerned about two additional areas of the Crime Bill. As I mentioned in my May 4th letter to you, the Roth Amendment to the Senate bill, which requires States and localities receiving monies under the bill to notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) of all known illegal aliens, poses a significant problem for New York City. Requiring state and local law enforcement authorities to notify INS when illegal aliens are in custody or suspected of criminal behavior is, of course, clearly appropriate. However, to require states and localities to report to INS on illegal aliens who require emergency health care, attend pre-natal or other public health clinics, enroll their children in public schools or seek police protection from criminal behavior, for example, is not in the interest of public health or safety. To deter illegal aliens from seeking these services for fear of deportation will jeopardize everyone, citizens, legal resident aliens and illegal resident aliens alike, not to mention the virtually impossible burden the Roth Amendment would place on an already understaffed INS. Accordingly, I urge that these concerns be taken into consideration, and that the Roth Amendment be modified.

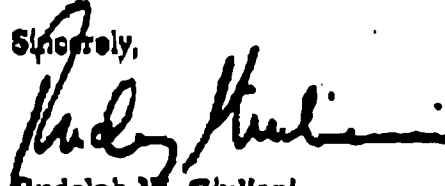
Additionally, I am concerned with the potential reduction in the Police Corps authorization funding. The Police Corps is a very important part of the Crime Bill inasmuch as it would assist localities, such as New York City, in its efforts to recruit a diverse group of officers with greater levels of education and training. New York City supports the program particularly given its experience with its own police cadet corps which has been operational since 1986. I urge the Congress to preserve the funding authorization for this program as well as provide funds for local police cadet programs that seek to enhance the diversity in our police force and to provide educational assistance to youth interested in pursuing a law enforcement career.

I appreciate your efforts and those of your colleagues to address the nation's pressing crime problem through the provision of Community Policing funds. In order to ensure that the overall objectives of the legislation are met, and the safety and welfare of

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all of our citizens can benefit from your efforts, I urge you to consider the particular needs of New York City in your deliberations on the Crime Bill.

Sincerely,



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