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The Honorable Harold Rogers, Chairman
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The Honorable John Carter, Chairman
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The Honorable Nita Lowey, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard, Ranking
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Dear Representatives Rogers, Lowey, Carter, and Roybal-Allard:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am writing to express our strong concern with the severe cuts to four key homeland security grant programs proposed in the President's Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 budget. In all these programs would be cut by 44 percent below FY 2016 levels. The Urban Area Security Initiative Program would be cut by 45 percent, from \$600 million this year to \$330 million next year. The State Homeland Security Grant Program would be cut by 57 percent, from \$467 million this year to \$200 million next year. Public Transportation Security Assistance would be cut by 15 percent to \$85,000 next year, Port Security grants by 7 percent to \$93 million next year.

At a time of heightened concern about terrorism and violent extremism at home, increased funding for these critical programs is essential. They play a vital role in ensuring that state and local governments are prepared to respond to future terrorist attacks and have the necessary resources to protect their communities and their residents.

As you begin development of FY 2017 appropriations legislation, we urge you to reject these proposed cuts and respectfully request that you fund these programs at least at FY 2016 funding levels.

Thank you again for attention on this important issue and for your support for the law enforcement community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Cunningham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Terrence Cunningham
President
International Association of Chiefs of Police