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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
Chairman
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
133 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of ONDCP's plan for allocation of FY 2011 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) discretionary funds among the 28 HIDTAs.

For background, the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (P.L. 112-10) Division C, Title II of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (P.L. 111-117) provided a total of \$239,000,000 for the HIDTA Program. The appropriation was subject to a rescission of 0.2 percent, leaving a balance of \$238,522,000.

On July 15, 2011, ONDCP submitted an allocation plan of discretionary funds among the following specific funding categories:

FY 2011 HIDTA DISCRETIONARY FUNDING ALLOCATION

Proposed Funding Category	Recommended Funding
Domestic Highway Enforcement Project	\$4,000,000
Domestic Marijuana Eradication & Investigation Project	\$2,600,000
Prevention Initiatives	\$800,000
Prescription Drug Project	\$800,000
Parcel Project	\$550,000
Hemisphere Project	\$1,000,000
Native American Project	\$250,000
New Counties and Emergent Threat Initiatives	\$617,450
Total	\$10,617,450

All HIDTAs submitted requests for discretionary funds totaling \$20,091,264. The requests were reviewed and prioritized by ONDCP staff, in consultation with the HIDTA Director's Association. ONDCP's plan for allocation of the funds among the regional HIDTAs is enclosed. A brief synopsis of each funding category follows:

\$4,000,000 for the Domestic Highway Enforcement Project (DHE). A total of 25 HIDTAs submitted 32 DHE funding requests totaling \$7,523,261. This project provides funds to continue targeted multi-jurisdictional law enforcement efforts directed toward ongoing transportation corridor projects to seize drugs and illegal proceeds along our nation's highways, and support

ongoing related investigations targeting Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs). The ONDCP recommendation will provide funding to 22 HIDTAs and the National HIDTA Assistance Center.

\$2,600,000 for the Domestic Marijuana Eradication & Investigation Project. A total of 13 HIDTAs submitted 27 Marijuana Project funding requests totaling \$5,317,728. This project provides funding to help HIDTAs in marijuana production areas investigate DTOs engaged in outdoor and indoor marijuana production with an emphasis on public lands. The ONDCP recommendation will provide funds to 9 HIDTAs.

\$800,000 for Prevention Initiatives. A total of 14 HIDTAs submitted 20 Prevention funding requests totaling \$1,948,871. These initiatives will facilitate increased coordination between the law enforcement and prevention communities to reduce drug abuse and its negative consequences. The ONDCP recommendation will provide funding to 12 HIDTAs. The funds will continue coordinated prevention efforts in the California HIDTAs managed by the Southwest Border HIDTA California Region.

\$800,000 for Prescription Drug Project. A total of 14 HIDTAs submitted 19 Prescription Drug Project requests totaling \$1,841,687. This project will fund investigations to, disrupt and dismantle DTOs suspected of violating federal, state or local statutes pertaining to the diversion of licit pharmaceutical controlled substances. Investigations may also target rogue pain clinics, physicians who prescribe scheduled drugs without a valid medical reason, and pharmacies that illegally dispense or divert controlled drugs. The ONDCP recommendation will provide funds to 12 HIDTAs.

\$550,000 for the Parcel Project. A total of 18 HIDTAs submitted 27 Parcel funding requests totaling \$2,197,717. This project focuses on the investigation of DTOs using parcel shipping services to transport illegal drugs and drug proceeds. The ONDCP recommendation provides funds to 7 HIDTAs, including 3 Southwest Border Regions.

\$1,000,000 for the Hemisphere Project. This project provides forensic analysis of electronic call detail records. Nodes that support HIDTA investigations nationwide currently exist in Atlanta, Georgia; Houston, Texas and Los Angeles, California.

\$250,000 for the Native American Project. A total of 5 HIDTAs submitted 8 Native American requests totaling \$1,219,000. This project provides funds to assist HIDTAs to develop intelligence-driven operations to detect, deter, interdict, disrupt, and/or dismantle organizations involved in drug trafficking on tribal lands. The ONDCP recommendation provides funds to 4 HIDTAs.

\$617,450 for New Counties and Emergent Threat Initiatives. These funds will support newly designated HIDTA counties (exact requirement unknown) and initiatives to address emergent threats. The recommendation includes \$200,000 from the emergent threat funds to support the Southwest Border California Region's National Methamphetamine and Pharmaceutical Initiative to provide enhanced pharmaceutical training. The remaining \$417,450 will be held pending the designation of new counties or identification of emergent threats requiring discretionary funding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (202) 395-6700, or have your staff contact Rob Reed, Acting Director of ONDCP's Office of Legislative Affairs, at (202) 395-6912. Please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support of the HIDTA program.

Respectfully,



R. Gil Kerlikowske
Director

Enclosure: FY 2011 HIDTA Discretionary Funding Recommendation

HIDTA	FY 2011 Base Funding	Discretionary Funding:								Total Discretionary Funding	Total Funding
		Domestic Highway Enforcement	Native American Project	Domestic Marijuana Project	Parcel Project	Prescription Drug Project	Prevention Initiatives	New Counties & Emergent Threat Initiatives	Hemisphere Project		
Appalachia	\$6,506,773	\$120,000		\$325,000	\$155,000	\$80,000				\$680,000	\$7,186,773
Atlanta	\$6,038,866	\$190,000			\$75,000	\$75,000	\$60,000		\$333,333	\$733,333	\$6,772,199
Central Florida	\$3,060,000					\$70,000				\$70,000	\$3,130,000
Central Valley California	\$3,060,000	\$105,000		\$1,100,000						\$1,205,000	\$4,265,000
Chicago	\$5,629,175									\$0	\$5,629,175
Gulf Coast	\$7,857,829	\$260,000			\$100,000					\$360,000	\$8,217,829
Hawaii	\$3,060,000			\$125,000						\$125,000	\$3,185,000
Houston	\$10,118,911	\$145,000				\$60,000			\$666,667	\$871,667	\$10,990,578
Lake County	\$3,147,499	\$70,000								\$70,000	\$3,217,499
Los Angeles	\$14,640,881	\$185,000		\$50,000	\$60,000					\$295,000	\$14,935,881
Michigan	\$3,424,197	\$150,000								\$150,000	\$3,574,197
Midwest	\$13,661,257	\$390,000				\$57,000				\$447,000	\$14,108,257
Milwaukee	\$5,239,087						\$50,000			\$50,000	\$5,289,087
Nevada	\$3,060,000	\$140,000		\$100,000			\$29,000			\$269,000	\$3,329,000
New England	\$3,124,584	\$275,000				\$45,000	\$70,000			\$390,000	\$3,514,584
New York/New Jersey	\$12,615,798	\$170,000	\$70,000							\$240,000	\$12,855,798
North Texas	\$3,060,000						\$40,000			\$40,000	\$3,100,000
Northern California	\$3,060,000			\$340,000		\$45,000				\$385,000	\$3,445,000
North Florida	\$3,060,000	\$100,000				\$70,000				\$170,000	\$3,230,000
Northwest	\$4,449,408	\$175,000	\$50,000	\$300,000	\$50,000		\$50,000			\$625,000	\$5,074,408
Ohio	\$3,263,107	\$195,000			\$50,000	\$48,000	\$41,000			\$334,000	\$3,597,107
Oregon	\$3,160,000	\$90,000	\$50,000	\$200,000			\$75,000			\$415,000	\$3,575,000
Philadelphia/Camden	\$4,278,955	\$70,000					\$40,000			\$110,000	\$4,388,955
Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands	\$9,461,757						\$55,000			\$55,000	\$9,516,757
Rocky Mountain	\$9,571,254	\$200,000								\$200,000	\$9,771,254
South Florida	\$12,707,533	\$70,000		\$60,000		\$70,000				\$200,000	\$12,907,533
South Florida (NHAC)	\$1,930,653	\$145,000								\$145,000	\$2,075,653
Southwest Border	\$49,578,269	\$740,000	\$80,000		\$60,000	\$110,000	\$240,000	\$200,000		\$1,430,000	\$51,008,269
Washington/Baltimore	\$13,384,157	\$15,000				\$70,000	\$50,000			\$135,000	\$13,519,157
Unallocated Discretionary		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$417,450	\$0	\$417,450	
Total	\$225,209,950	\$4,000,000	\$250,000	\$2,600,000	\$550,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$617,450	\$1,000,000	\$10,617,450	\$235,827,400

Total Base \$225,209,950
Discretionary \$10,617,450
Audit Funds \$2,694,600

Total \$238,522,000