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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Continuing Resolution

On September 30, 2005, the President signed H.J. Res. 68, a Continuing Resolution (CR), which funds Federal programs and operations through November 18, 2005. The CR was required because only two Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006 appropriations bills (Interior and the Legislative Branch) have been enacted so far. FFY 2006 begins on October 1, 2005.

Department of Justice Authorization Bill

On September 28, 2005, the House passed H.R. 3402, the Department of Justice (DOJ) reauthorization bill, which includes language to merge the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and Byrne Law Enforcement Grant into a new Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The bill authorizes \$1.1 billion for JAG in FFY 2006 and such sums as may be necessary in FFYs 2007 through 2009. Before passing the bill, the House approved two County-supported amendments on a voice vote:

- An amendment by Representatives Kolbe, Dreier, and Lewis, which authorizes the following annual State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) funding levels: \$750 million in FFY 2006, \$850 million in FFY 2007, and \$950 million in FFY 2008 through 2011. The amendment also includes language requiring DOJ's Inspector General to report on whether state and local governments that receive SCAAP funds are cooperating with efforts to deport criminal aliens, and the number of undocumented aliens who are released without being referred to the Department of Homeland Security for removal, including how many are released because states and localities lack space or funds to detain them.

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- An amendment by Representative Slaughter (R-NY), which would make it a Federal crime to knowingly transfer, transport, or receive an official insignia or article of clothing, including a badge, emblem, or identification card, of a Federal, state, or local government employee in interstate or foreign commerce.

The SCAAP funding levels in H.R. 3402 are the same as in S. 188 (Feinstein), which passed the Senate in May 2005 while the Slaughter amendment language is similar to that contained in H.R. 3604, which she introduced on July 28, 2005. The Senate has not taken any action on a DOJ reauthorization bill and a bill similar to H.R. 3604.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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