



TEAM: PUBLIC SAFETY

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SUBJECT: STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

REQUESTED ACTION:

Effective public safety is not only a government function, but also a core component of economic stability and business continuity. While recognizing the importance of accountability and efficiency in how these funds are applied, stable, predictable federal funding streams allow local agencies to plan, staff, train, and respond with confidence, creating the safe operating environment that businesses depend on to protect employees, customers, facilities, and supply chains. Programs administered through our federal government are not supplemental luxuries; they are strategic investments that sustain operational readiness, modernize critical infrastructure, reduce disaster-related business interruptions, and strengthen regional resilience in the face of evolving threats. Consistent federal support directly underpins workforce stability, investor confidence, and long-term economic growth. The Public Safety team requests that our federal partners:

- Ensure stable, predictable federal funding for local public safety
- Reauthorize and fully fund core fire, EMS, and law enforcement programs
- Protect and strengthen PP-GEMT
- Support infrastructure modernization
- Fully fund homeland security and preparedness programs
- Increase funding for FEMA Urban Search and Rescue
- Support EMS, Mobile Integrated Health, Triage to Alternative Destination and bolstered behavioral health crisis response



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- Address the Fentanyl crisis with sustained resources
- Stabilize victim assistance funding

HOW THIS SUPPORTS BUSINESSES:

A strong and financially stable public safety system is foundational to economic stability and long-term growth. Businesses depend on predictable, well-coordinated emergency response systems to protect employees, customers, assets, and critical infrastructure. Sustained and stable funding ensures that fire, EMS, and law enforcement agencies can maintain staffing, modernize equipment, and respond rapidly to incidents that could otherwise disrupt operations or supply chains.

When federal, state, and local partners align policy, investment, and operational capacity, it strengthens disaster preparedness, reduces uncertainty, and enhances business continuity planning across sectors. Stable EMS funding through PP-GEMT, for example, helps ensure reliable ambulance availability and emergency medical response – a critical component of workforce safety and operational continuity. Efficient emergency response systems and resilient infrastructure lower risk exposure, and create a safe, stable environment that businesses need to innovate, expand, and contribute to sustained regional prosperity.

HOW THIS SUPPORTS RESIDENTS OF OUR REGION:

For residents, stable and predictable public safety funding translates directly into faster response times, reliable emergency medical care, and stronger community resilience. Seamless collaboration among federal, state, and local agencies – backed by sustained federal investment – ensures that emergency services are properly staffed, well-trained, and equipped to manage both daily emergencies and large-scale disasters.

Reliable funding supports modern communications systems, disaster preparedness planning, specialized response teams, and financially sustainable EMS systems. This stability allows agencies to plan long term, adapt to evolving risks such as wildfires, floods, behavioral health crises, and the fentanyl epidemic, and maintain readiness without service disruptions.

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Ultimately, strong and consistently funded public safety systems protect lives, safeguard neighborhoods, and enhance quality of life. By ensuring our region remains prepared, responsive, and resilient, these investments strengthen not only public safety outcomes, but the overall stability and well-being of the communities we serve.