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## NSA'S POSITION ON KEY LEGISLATION 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session (2011)

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POSITION	BILL	TITLE	SUMMARY	SPONSOR	STATUS
Support	S250	Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2011	To protect crime victims' rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purpose.	<i>Sen. Leahy (D-VT)</i>	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Support	HR498	State and Local Law Enforcement Hatch Act Reform Act of 2011	Amending the Federal Hatch Act allowing local law enforcement officers, including correctional and court security, to run for the Office of Sheriff; allowing elected law enforcement officials to endorse political candidates and participate in political activities in his official capacity as long as he does not interfere with or affect the results of an election or nomination; and establishing a one year statute of limitations from date of alleged violation by which Office of Special Counsel must file charges.	<i>Rep. Latta (R-OH)</i>	Referred to House Oversight and Government Affairs Committee.
Support	DRAFT	Inmates with Mental Illness Treatment and Public Safety Act of 2011	To provide for a demonstration project to permit Medicaid, Medicare, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funds to be used for a continuum of health care and mental health services for eligible inmates, including those with co-occurring disorders, at the times of arrest and through and including arraignment, adjudication, sentencing, and incarceration in a county jail.	<i>Rep. Reichert (R-WA)</i>	
Support	S306	National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2011	To establish a national criminal justice commission.	<i>Sen. Webb (D-VA)</i>	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Support	HR495 S Draft	See Something, Say Something Act of 2011	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide immunity for reports of suspected terrorist activity or suspicious behavior and response	<i>Rep. King (R-NY); Sen. Collins (R-ME)</i>	Referred to House Homeland Security Committee.
Support	HR759	Federal Lands Counterdrug Strategy Act	To require the Director of National Drug Control Policy to develop a Federal Lands Counterdrug Strategy, and for other purposes	<i>Rep. Nunes (R-CA)</i>	Referred to House Judiciary Committee.

Support	S28	Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide public safety providers an additional 10 megahertz of spectrum to support a national, interoperable wireless broadband network and authorize the Federal Communications Commission to hold incentive auctions to provide funding to support such a network, and for other purposes.	<i>Sen. Rockefeller (D-WV)</i>	Referred to Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.
Support	HR365	National Blue Alert of 2011	To encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty.	<i>Rep. Grimm (R-NY)</i>	Referred to House Judiciary Committee.