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NSA'S POSITION ON KEY LEGISLATION 112th Congress, 1st 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 S1562	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); Sen. Lugar (R-IN)</i>	Referred to House Oversight and Government Affairs Committee; Referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
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>To Be Introduced</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 S505	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 Judiciary Committee; Referred to Senate Judiciary 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	HR607	Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011	To enhance public safety by making more spectrum available to public safety agencies, to facilitate the development of a wireless public safety broadband network, to provide standards for the spectrum needs of public safety agencies, and for other purposes.	<i>Rep. King (R-NY)</i>	Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee.
Support	HR365 S657	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); Sen. Cardin (D-MD)</i>	Referred to House Judiciary Committee; Amended and Reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee 9-8-11.
Support	HR886 S431	United States Marshals Service 225th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act	To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service.	<i>Rep. Womack (R-AR); Sen. Pryor (D-AR)</i>	Referred to House Financial Services Committee; Referred to Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
Support	HR1896 S. 207	COPS Improvements Act of 2011	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.	<i>Rep. Weiner (D-NY); Sen. Kohl (D-WI)</i>	Referred to House Judiciary Committee; Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee
Support	HR1981	Protecting Children from Internet Pornographers Act of 2011	To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to child pornography and child exploitation offenses.	<i>Rep. Smith (TX)</i>	Amended and Reported out of House Judiciary Committee 7.28.11.
Support	HR1978	Recovering Missing Children Act	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the disclosure of certain tax return information for the purpose of missing or exploited children investigations.	<i>Rep. Stark (D-CA)</i>	Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.
Support	S1263	National Silver Alert Act of 2011	To encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States and for other purposes.	<i>Sen. Kohl (D-WI)</i>	Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
Support	HR2482	Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act	To reallocate an additional 10 MHz of spectrum in the 700MHz band, known as the "D Block," to public safety and to provide for dedicated and sustained funding to build a nationwide public safety interoperable mobile broadband network.	<i>Rep. Dingell (D-MI)</i>	Referred to House Energy and Commerce Committee; Referred to House Science, Space, and Technology Committee; Referred to House Armed Services Committee.

Support	S911	Strengthening Public-Safety and Enhancing Communications Through Reform, Utilization, and Modernization Act	To strengthen public safety and enhance wireless communications by providing sufficient wireless spectrum and resources to build nationwide interoperable wireless public safety broadband network, encouraging more effective spectrum use, promoting voluntary market mechanisms for optimal spectrum allocation, reforming the federal government's spectrum management practices, and engaging in research and development of emerging wireless technologies.	<i>Sen. Rockefeller (D-WV)</i>	Passed out of Full Senate Commerce Committee 6.8.11
Support	HR2976	HEROS Act of 2011	To enhance public safety by making more spectrum available to public safety agencies, to facilitate the development of a wireless public safety broadband network, to provide standards for the spectrum needs of public safety agencies, and for other purposes.	<i>Rep. Rothman (D-NJ)</i>	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
Support	DRAFT	Department of Justice Global Advisory Committee Authorization Act of 2011	To further the mission of the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative Advisory Committee by continuing its development of policy recommendations and technical solutions on information sharing and interoperability, and enhancing its pursuit of benefits and cost savings for local, State, tribal, and Federal justice agencies.	<i>Rep. Inslee (D-WA)</i>	
Support	S968	PROTECT IP Act of 2011	To prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, and for other purposes.	<i>Rep. Leahy (D-VT)</i>	Passed by Full Senate Judiciary Committee.
Support	HR3261	Stop Online Piracy Act	To promote prosperity, creativity, entrepreneurship, and innovation by combating the theft of U.S. property, and for other purposes.	<i>Rep. Smith (R-TX)</i>	Referred to House Judiciary Committee.