

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 57

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Coates, Corn, Crain,  
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Leftwich, Lerblance,  
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Sparks, Sweeden, Sykes,  
Wilcoxson, Williamson,  
Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution protesting public safety funding cuts to Oklahoma district attorneys in the proposed federal budget; requesting restoration of full funding; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma district attorneys and the staff of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council held a press conference at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, to inform Oklahoma State Senators of the impending cuts in the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2009 federal budget that could have the effect of endangering Oklahomans by reducing or eliminating the scope of several public safety programs operated by Oklahoma district attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program will tentatively receive a 67 percent cut in funding resulting in the loss of 36 investigators while the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) will face a 21 percent cut in funding resulting in the loss of six employees; and

WHEREAS, two programs are targeted for complete elimination by the federal government. The Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) will lose its entire budget of \$231,782 and four employees while the Anti-Gang Initiative (AG) will lose \$281,695 and three employees; and

WHEREAS, the total projected cuts in the federal budget affecting Oklahoma district attorneys total approximately \$3.5 million and will result in the loss of 45 employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate protests any and all public safety funding cuts in the federal budget that will endanger the citizens of this state by reducing or eliminating law enforcement programs administered by Oklahoma district attorneys.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate requests that the federal government restore all announced public safety budget cuts to Oklahoma district attorneys and fully fund these current law enforcement programs in the FY 2008-2009 federal budget.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the United States Attorney General, the Director of the federal Office of Management and Budget, and the Executive Coordinator of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council.

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of March, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate