



Chairman Hal Rogers

House Committee on Appropriations

**Fiscal Year 2017 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill – Subcommittee Markup
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Opening Statement As Prepared**

Thank you, Chairman Culberson and Ranking Member Honda, for working together to bring this Fiscal Year 2017 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations bill before us today. We are now halfway home, as this is the sixth bill to be marked up in subcommittee this year.

This year's bill provides \$56 billion for the operations of the Departments of Commerce and Justice, NASA, the National Science Foundation, and other important agencies. This legislation marginally increases funding over fiscal year 2016 by \$279 million and is \$1.3 billion above the President's request.

Thanks to the hard work of our Majority and Minority staffs, this bill prioritizes resources for essential FBI operations, bolsters DEA's drug enforcement and diversion efforts, and allocates robust funding for NASA priorities including aeronautics and the space launch system. In an increasingly digital world, FBI increases will allow them to combat cybercrime and conduct essential counterintelligence and counterterrorism efforts to keep Americans safe at home and abroad.

I am very pleased that the House successfully passed legislation to combat opioid abuse by a resounding vote of 413 to 5 just last week. This bill makes that authorization a reality by strengthening the DEA's heroin enforcement and diversion control capabilities and includes \$103 million for programs to reduce opioid abuse in a holistic, comprehensive manner. Finally, increased funding for the Economic Development Administration Public Works program will help economically distressed communities across the country become more competitive and attract sorely needed new jobs.

Again, thank you for your good work on this bill and for moving it in a timely manner, Chairman, and I encourage my colleagues to support it.

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