



# National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition

## 2020 Federal Priorities

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### **Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - \$519 million**

Byrne JAG is a critical source of support for multijurisdictional task forces. Task forces are cornerstones of effective drug law enforcement that enable joint efforts against regional drug trafficking organizations that are connected to larger transnational crime groups. Byrne JAG funding has been slashed since FY 2010, resulting in fewer task forces at a time when drug overdose deaths have skyrocketed. Byrne JAG should be restored to the FY 2010 level of **\$519 million in FY 2021**.

### **Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program - \$48 million**

RISS is a trusted cornerstone of law enforcement information sharing. RISS, which reaches nearly 10,000 agencies across the United States, is particularly helpful to small agencies that do not have in-house analytical or investigative support functions. RISS centers provide criminal intelligence analysis, officer safety, and deconfliction services that are critical to America's narcotic officers. RISS funding should be restored to **\$48 million in FY 2021**.

### **High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program - \$285 million**

HIDTA provides essential support for drug enforcement across America. Results of HIDTA investments are clearly demonstrated through a comprehensive performance measurement program. HIDTAs support investigations into hundreds of regional and international drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) and money laundering organizations (MLOs). HIDTA should be funded at **no less than \$285 million in FY 2021 and be administered under ONDCP**.

### **Protect Facial Recognition and Other Investigative Technologies**

Investigative technology, including facial recognition, helps law enforcement be more accurate and efficient in investigating drug trafficking organizations. Overhyped fears about these tools ignore the reality that they are successfully used every day to protect Americans. We support responsible guardrails including human review of technology outputs. Congress should **oppose bans, moratoriums, or other undue limitations on the use of facial recognition and other investigative tools**.

### **Pass Legislation to Ensure Lawful Access to Digital Evidence**

The "going dark" challenge impacts criminal investigations every day in America. This is when companies implement encryption on devices and apps without maintaining an ability to provide access to the system when a judge signs a warrant. That means drug traffickers, child exploiters, and other criminals have an easier time planning, executing, and covering up their activities. Congress should **ensure service providers can provide lawful access to digital evidence in response to a warrant, and should increase grants and training to build digital evidence capacity among all of law enforcement**.

### **Oppose Marijuana Legalization; Regulate CBD Products**

Data show that youth drug use, seizures of black market marijuana, and marijuana-related emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and traffic deaths have skyrocketed in states that have legalized marijuana sales. **Congress should oppose any effort to legalize marijuana, including the MORE Act**. At the same time, Congress should ensure that CBD, which does not produce impairment, is subjected to a clear regulatory framework to protect consumer safety.

### **Pass Legislation to Permanently Schedule Fentanyl Analogues**

Fentanyl and similar substances kill tens of thousands of Americans each year. While Congress recently extended the temporary emergency scheduling of these substances under Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act, permanent scheduling should follow. Permanent scheduling – which the **Stopping Overdoses of Fentanyl Analogues (SOFA) Act** would do – would support continued aggressive enforcement against criminals who traffic in these poisons.

### **Support the National Guard Counterdrug Training Schools**

High quality training is essential for all of law enforcement, and especially for drug enforcement operations. The National Guard Counterdrug Schools train tens of thousands of narcotic officers each year. Congress should fund the National Guard Counterdrug Schools at no less than **\$25 million in FY 2021 and ensure that curriculum content and instruction are determined by drug enforcement experts**.