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Legislative Positions for the 112th Congress

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Position	Bill	Date	Sponsor	Title	Summary	Status
Support	S.28 & S.911	1/25/2011 & 6/8/2011	John Rockefeller D-WV	The "Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act"	Amends the Communications Act of 1934 to provide public safety providers an additional 10 megahertz of spectrum to support a national, interoperable wireless broadband network. Authorize the Federal Communications Commission to hold incentive auctions to provide funding to support such a network, and for other purposes" S.911 is a slightly altered version of S.28. S. 28 has 15 cosponsors & S.911 has 1 cosponsor.	H.R. 3630 2/22/2012 PASSED into Public Law 112-96. *Included in the Payroll Tax Deal, H.R. 3630
Support	S. 113 & H.R. 2797	1/25/2011 & 8/5/2011	Kay Bailey Hutchison R-TX Kevin Brady R-TX	A bill to "Amend the Social Security Act to repeal the windfall elimination provision and protect the retirement of public servants"	Social Security benefits would be calculated as if all the worker's earnings were subject to Social Security taxes, using the standard benefit formula. S.113 has 1 cosponsor & H.R.2797 has 7 cosponsors.	1/25/2011 Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. 8/5/2011 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Social Security
Support	S. 132	1/25/2011	Patrick Leahy D-VT	The "Criminal Justice and Forensic Science Reform Act of 2011"	Seeks to strengthen and improve the criminal justice system by helping to ensure that evidence derived from forensic science analysis is accurate, credible, and scientifically grounded. 0 cosponsors.	1/25/2011 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.
Support	S. 207	1/26/2011	Herb Kohl D-WI	The "COPS Improvement Act of 2011"	Reauthorizes the COPS Program through 2013. 11 Cosponsors.	1/26/2011 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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Support	S. 990	5/12/2011	Mary Landrieu D-LA	The "USA PATRIOT Sunset Extension Act of 2011"	<i>Extends provisions that allow the government to seek orders from a special court for "anything tangible" related to a terrorism probe, obtain wiretaps on suspected terrorists and apply to a special court for surveillance orders on "lone wolf" terrorists who are not connected to any organization. 0 cosponsors.</i>	5/26/2011 PASSED into public law 112-14.
Support	S. 1432	7/27/2011	Bill Nelson (D-FL)	A bill to "amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the exception from the 10% penalty for early withdrawals from Governmental Plans for Federal and State qualified public safety employees."	<i>Modifies of the exemption from the 10% penalty for premature distributions from governmental employee benefits plans to qualify public safety employees to eliminate the restriction that plans be defined benefit plans and lowers the age to which one can have access to these plans. 0 Cosponsors.</i>	7/28/2011 Referred to the Senate Finance Committee
Support	S. 1549	9/13/2011	Harry Reid D-NV	The "American Jobs Act of 2011"	<i>To provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put works back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs. 0 Cosponsors.</i>	9/14/2011 Placed on the Legislative Calendar.
Support	S. 1572 H.R. 2112	9/15/2011 & 6/3/2011	Barbara Mikulski D-MD & Jack Kingston R-GA	The "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012"	<i>Appropriations for the Department of Commerce and Justice and Science, and Related Agencies for Fiscal Year 2012, including provisions to key law enforcement programs. 0 Cosponsors.</i>	11/18/2011 PASSED into Public Law 112-055.
Monitoring	S. 1696	10/12/2011	Patrick Leahy D-VT	The "Public Safety Officers' Benefits Improvements Act of 2011"	<i>Updates and alters the Public Safety Officer Benefits legislation. 5 cosponsors.</i>	10/12/2011 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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Support	S. 1723	10/20/2011	Robert Menendez D-NJ	The "Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act of 2011"	<i>Provide \$4 billion in grants for the COPS Hiring Program, and provide grant funds for Teachers and other First Responders. 11 Cosponsors.</i>	10/20/2011 The Motion to invoke cloture failed, 50-50. Vote Number 177.
Support	H.R. 77	1/5/2011	Sheila Jackson Lee D-TX	The "Border Security, Cooperation, and Act Now Drug War Prevention Act of 2011".	<i>Authorizes the Secretary of DHS and the AG to provide to state on the US boarder up to 500 additional Border Patrol agents, DEA and ATF. 0 cosponsors.</i>	1/24/2011 Referred to the House subcommittee on Courts, Commercial & Administrative Law.
Support	H.R. 100	1/5/2011	Marsha Blackburn R-TN	The "Clear Act of 2011"	<i>State and local law enforcement personnel, in the course of their routine duties, have the inherent authority to investigate, apprehend, or transfer to federal custody aliens in the US. 65 cosponsors.</i>	1/24/2011 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Immigration and Policy and Enforcement.
Support	H.R. 112 & S. 1263	1/5/2011 & 6/23/2011	Lloyd Doggett D-TX & Herb Kohl D-WI	The "National Silver Alert Act"	<i>Authorizes state grants to support and create systems to rapidly mobilize law enforcement, state and local governments and news media to locate these handicapped seniors and adults who have gone missing. H.R.112 has 18 cosponsors & S. 1263 has 5 cosponsors.</i>	1/24/2011 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Crime Terrorism. & Homeland Security. 6/23/2011 Referred to the Senate Committee on Aging.
Oppose	H.R. 223	1/7/2011	Sheila Jackson Lee D-TX	The "Federal Prison Bureau Nonviolent Offender Relief Act of 2011"	<i>Allows the Bureau of Prisons to release prisoners early in accordance with specified requirements. 1 cosponsor.</i>	1/24/2011 Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security.
Oppose	H.R. 228	1/7/2011	Sheila Jackson Lee D-TX	The "Traffic Stops Along the Border Statistics Study Act of 2011"	<i>Provides law enforcement agencies grants to collect and submit data during traffic violations. 0 cosponsors.</i>	1/7/2011 Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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Oppose	H.R. 231	1/7/2011	Sheila Jackson Lee D-TX	The "No More Tulias: Drug Law Enforcement Evidentiary Standards Improvement Act of 2011"	<i>Prohibits a state from receiving Byrne-JAG funds or any additional funds from the DOJ unless the states funds antidrug task forces each fiscal year. 0 cosponsors.</i>	2/7/2011 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee.
Support	H.R. 327	1/19/2011	Bob Filner D-CA	The "Law Enforcement Officer Equity Act"	<i>A bill to grant law enforcement officer (LEO) status to approximately 30,000 federal officers, making them eligible for federal law enforcement retirement benefits. 17 cosponsors.</i>	2/8/2011 Referred to the House subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy.
Support	H.R. 365 & S.657	1/20/2011 3/28/2011	Michael Grimm R-NY Ben Cardin D - MD	The "National Blue Alert Act of 2011"	<i>A bill to establish a national Blue Alert communications network within the Department of Justice to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty. H.R. 365 has 58 cosponsors & S. 657 has 11 cosponsors.</i>	4/25/2012 Voted out of Committee by voice vote 9/8/2011 Amended & passed Judiciary Committee. Placed on Legislative Calendar.
Support	H.R. 381	1/20/2011	Barbara Lee D-CA	The "Enhanced Violent Crime Community Policing Act of 2011"	<i>Allows the use of public safety and community policing grants to hire and train new career law enforcement officers for deployment in communities with high crime. 0 cosponsors.</i>	3/1/2011 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee.
Support	H.R. 386 S. 1608	1/20/2011 & 9/22/2011	Daniel Lungren R-CA & Sheldon Whitehouse D-RI	The "Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2011"	<i>Prohibits the aiming of the beam of a laser pointer at an aircraft or in its flight path. H.R. 386 has 10 cosponsors & S. 1608 has 5 cosponsors.</i>	H.R. 658 2/14/2011 PASSED into Public Law 112-95. *Included in the FAA Modernization H.R. 658
Support	H.R. 498	1/26/2011	Robert Latta R-OH	A bill to "Amend section 1502 of title 5, United States Code, to permit law enforcement officers to be candidates for sheriff, and for other purposes."	<i>Allows state and local law enforcement officers to be candidates for the office of Sheriff and to engage in political activity. 27 cosponsors.</i>	2/8/2011 Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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Oppose	H.R. 567 & S.347	2/9/2011 & 2/15/2011	Devin Nunes (R-CA) & Richard Burr (R-NC)	The "Public Employee Pension Transparency Act"	<i>Sets forth specified reporting requirements for state or local government employee pension benefit plans. Essentially, creating greater transparency and so the bond markets can make better judgments about liabilities. H.R.567 has 51 cosponsors & S.347 has 8 cosponsors.</i>	2/9/2011 Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. 2/15/2011 Referred to the Senate Finance Committee
Oppose	H.R. 763	2/17/2011	Michael Michaud D-ME	The "Safe and Efficient Transportation Act of 2011."	<i>A bill that would allow heavy trucks on highways. 60 cosponsors.</i>	2/17/2011 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
Support	H.R. 815	2/18/2011	Jim Gerlach R-PA	The "Justice for Public Servants Act of 2011."	<i>Makes the killing of a Law Enforcement Officer or other first responder an aggravating factor in death penalty determinations. 1 cosponsor.</i>	2/28/2011 Reported out of the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism. And Homeland Security.
Support	H.R. 1332 & S. 2010	4/1/2011 & 12/16/2011	Howard McKeon R-CA & John Kerry D-MA	The "Social Security Fairness Act of 2011"	<i>Repeals the Government pension offset requirements applicable to insurance benefits, OASDI payments and would also eliminate the windfall requirements. H.R.1332 has 167 cosponsors & S.2010 has 14 cosponsors.</i>	4/7/2011 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Social Security. 12/16/2011 Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.
Support	H.R. 1505	7/8/2011	Rob Bishop R-UT	The "National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act."	<i>Allows border security to patrol on federal lands. 59 cosponsors.</i>	10/5/2011 Reported (amended) favorably out of the House Subcommittee 26-17.
Support	H.R. 1789	5/5/2011	Erik Paulsen R-MN	The "State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability, and Due Process Act of 2011."	<i>Grants local law enforcement officers due process protections. 14 cosponsors.</i>	6/1/2011 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Crime Terrorism. And Homeland Security.

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Oppose	H.R. 2677 & S. 2019	7/28/2011 & 12/16/2011	Howard Berman D-CA & Dianne Feinstein D-CA	The "Los Angeles Residential Helicopter Noise Relief Act of 2011"	<i>Directs the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to issues regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas of Los Angeles County. H.R.2677 has 4 cosponsors & S. 2019 has 1 cosponsor.</i>	7/29/2011 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Aviation. 12/16/2011 Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Support	H.R. 3041	9/23/2011	Jim Cooper D-TX	The "Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act"	<i>Allows any state or local government or related official to file a motion to modify or terminate a federal consent decree. 3 cosponsors.</i>	10/12/011 Referred to the Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee.
Support	H.R. 3561	12/5/2011	Ron Kind (D-WI)	The "Small Business Pension Promotion Act of 2011"	<i>Ensures that public safety pension plans will not violate qualified plan rules even if they do not use age as a threshold for "normal retirement age" 5 cosponsors.</i>	12/5/2011 Referred to the Ways and Means Committee and the Education and Workforce Committee.
Oppose	S.A. 750 & S.306	10/17/2011 & 2/8/2011	Jim Webb (D-VA)	The "National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2011"	<i>Establishes a Federal Commission to undertake a comprehensive examination of all aspects of America's criminal justice system – federal, state and local – and offer those findings to Congress and the Executive Branch. S.A. 750 has 13 cosponsors & S.306 has 30 cosponsors.</i>	10/20/2011 Amendment failed 57 to 43. 2/8/2011 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee
Oppose	S.A. 860	10/19/2011	Chuck Grassley (R-IA)	"Identifying Unnecessary Duplication Within the Department of Justice"	<i>Initiates a grant matching requirement of 25% and removes the financial hardship waiver to the BVP program. 0 cosponsors.</i>	10/20/2011 Amendment failed 46 to 54.
Oppose	S.A. 2085	4/25/2012	Tom Coburn (R-OK)	The "Accountability in Federal Grant Programs"	<i>Reduces funding to the Department of Justice affecting key law enforcement programs. 0 cosponsors.</i>	4/25/201 Submitted but not considered.
Oppose	S.A. 2086	4/25/2012	John Cornyn (R-TX)	The "SAFER Act"	<i>Initiates a grant matching requirement of 25% and removes the financial hardship waiver to the BVP program. 4 cosponsors.</i>	10/20/2011 Amendment failed 50 to 48.