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Drug Policy Subcommittee to Review
Federal/State/Local Law Enforcement Programs

“ONDCP Reauthorization: The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center”

What: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources legislative hearing on the “Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Reauthorization: The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program (HIDTA) and the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center (CTAC)”

When: Tuesday, April 8, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

Where: 2154 Rayburn House Office Building

Background:

Congress authorized the HIDTA program in 1988 to increase federal, state and local law enforcement cooperation in certain areas designated by the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) as “high intensity drug trafficking areas.” HIDTA seeks to do this by funding equipment and joint federal/state/local “task forces” aimed at breaking down drug trafficking organizations. CTAC is responsible for coordinating counterdrug R&D and distributing the latest anti-narcotics technology to local law enforcement agencies. The programs have been major successes, but issues concerning their size and management need to be resolved.

This hearing is the third in a series considering issues related to upcoming legislation to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy and its programs. “HIDTA and CTAC are key programs in meeting President Bush’s plan to disrupt the market for illegal drugs,” said Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Mark Souder. “I look forward to continuing the reauthorization process by examining the many successes of these programs and ways to ensure their efficiency and effectiveness.”

Witnesses:

Mr. Scott Burns, Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy;
Mr. Roger Guevara, Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration;
Ms. Christy McCampbell, Chief, California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement; and
Representatives of local and state law enforcement agencies from Chicago, Illinois; Baltimore, Maryland; Rockland County, New York; and Lakewood, Colorado

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