

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Jon Adler
Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
810 7th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20531

Dear Director Adler,

We write in support of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) request for funds through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Precipitous Increase in Crime emergency funds. The horrific shooting in Parkland, Florida put a strain on state and local law enforcement resources, and the agencies are unable to absorb the additional costs resulting from this traumatic event.

To date, the shooting resulted in 17 deaths and many others injured. First responders spent many hours processing the crime scene, conducting investigations, tending to victims, and monitoring the suspect while in custody. Because of this, state and local law enforcement incurred significant costs that they are unable to afford on their own. As such, we ask that you quickly approve FDLE's request for \$1,000,000 to reimburse for personnel and overtime, investigative, intelligence, and supervision expenses. Additionally, we ask that you quickly approve any amended request FDLE submits in the future.

The community is still reeling from this tragedy, and law enforcement is doing their best to return some sense of safety and normalcy to those affected. However, federal aid is needed in those efforts. Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Bill Nelson
U.S. Senator



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator



Ted Deutch
Member of Congress