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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney sent a second letter urging the Department of Justice to provide additional funding to Stockton, California. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allocated up to \$1 billion in competitive grant funding to the Department of Justice. In response to a recent decision by the Department of Justice to cap available funds based on size of population, McNerney is urging the Department to provide additional funding to Stockton. The text of the letter Rep. McNerney sent is below:

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Attorney General Eric Holder
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Holder:

I recently learned that the Department of Justice informed the City of Stockton that if any stimulus funds were available, the Department would provide funding to Stockton. I was also informed by your office that the decision to cap available funding reflects the Department's priority of providing funding to larger cities. Stockton has suffered tremendously during this economic downturn, and problems such as a high rate of unemployment and a high rate of crime. Stockton's residents deserve the same level of public safety as those in larger cities. I would like to know if the Department is considering providing additional funding to Stockton. Although predominantly supported by local revenue, federal funding for law enforcement is important to Stockton. I appreciate your consideration of this letter, and I urge you to provide as much funding to Stockton as possible.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress

Cc: Tim Quinn, Acting Director of the COPS program