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The Honorable Frank R. Wolf, Chair  
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H-309, the Capitol  
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The Honorable Chaka Fattah, Ranking  
Member  
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Dear Chairman Wolf and Ranking Member Fattah:

Thank you for your work as Chair and Ranking Member of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee. As this Subcommittee develops its fiscal year 2014 appropriations bill, I urge you to prioritize funding for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

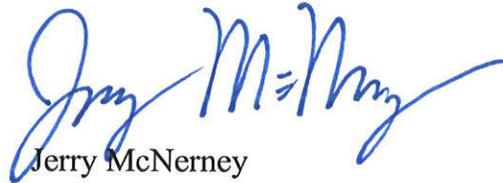
As you know, the DEA provides intelligence, investigations, state and local assistance, and international support to help prevent and mitigate the supply of drugs. DEA's efforts and the resources it provides are critical for jurisdictions throughout the country.

Many cities and localities throughout the country have faced budget shortfalls that have led to the closures of important departments, increasing the need for federal-local partnerships. For example, in cities like Stockton, California, which I am honored to represent, the narcotics division was forced to shut down. As a result, narcotics investigations are currently being handled by patrol officers who are already constrained by limited time and resources. As recently as February of this year, a federal jury found guilty a marijuana cultivator that was apprehended through a cooperative process between DEA, the Stockton Police Department, and the San Joaquin County Metropolitan Narcotics Task Force. More importantly, Stockton and California's Central Valley struggle with controlling the production and the distribution of methamphetamine, which has ravaged thousands of lives. DEA's assistance is critical in mitigating this problem.

That is why I urge you to appropriate at least \$20 million for State and Local Assistance within DEA's budget, the amount allocated for FY 13. With this funding, DEA will be able to fully support its mission of coordinating with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to reduce the supply, transfer, and disposal of illicit drugs.

I understand the difficult decisions you must make with reduced funding options, but I encourage you to support DEA, an agency that makes our towns and cities safer. I thank you for your consideration of and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Jerry McNerney  
Member of Congress