

## **JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Resolution Urging Congress to Enact Legislation Regulating the Service Life of Fire Protective Clothing or to Encourage the National Fire Protection Association to Amend Standard 1851 that Mandates Retirement of Such Clothing Based on Manufacture Date**

**Issue:** The service life of firefighting personal protective equipment, which includes helmets, boots, coats and pants (“fire protective clothing” or “bunker gear”) is governed by a standard that mandates retirement of the gear based on manufacture date and not consideration of integrity, meeting applicable specifications or safe use.

**Adopted Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to enact legislation that regulates the service life or use of bunker gear through objective technical specifications correlated to the capacity of the equipment to protect firefighters during its intended use or to encourage the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to amend NFPA Standard 1851 (NFPA 1851), its Standard on Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting, which regulates the service life of fire protective clothing.

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### **Resolution on the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)**

**Issue:** Restore full reimbursements to states, counties and cities for the costs of housing criminal aliens as provided in the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-322).

**Adopted Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges Congress to appropriate funding that fully reimburses states, counties and cities for the costs of housing criminal aliens.

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### **Resolution in Support of the Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act**

**Issue:** Reforms to money bail practices and pre-trial systems as part of larger criminal justice reform efforts.

**Adopted Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) supports the bipartisan Pretrial Integrity and Safety Act (S. 1593), introduced in 2017 by Sens. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) and Rand Paul (R-Ky.). The bill would provide grants to eligible entities, including counties, to reform their criminal justice systems to encourage the replacement of the use of payment of secured money bail as a condition of pretrial release in criminal cases.

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## **Resolution in Support of Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)**

**Issue:** The need for Congress to fund juvenile justice programs in annual appropriations bills.

**Adopted policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges congressional leaders to finalize reauthorization of JJDP by resolving differences between reauthorization bills passed in each chamber in 2017 so that a single piece of legislation can be sent to the President of the United States and enacted into law.

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## **Resolution in Support of Reauthorization of the Second Chance Act**

**Issue:** Reauthorization of the main source of federal funding for local reentry programs.

**Adopted Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges congressional leaders to reauthorize the Second Chance Act, which funds local programs that help formerly incarcerated individuals reintegrate into society, access needed treatments and gain and maintain employment.

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## **Resolution Urging Federal Support for Training and Safety of Correctional Employees**

**Issue:** Training and safety of correctional employees should be prioritized at the federal and local level.

**Adopted Policy:** The National Association of Counties (NACo) calls on Congress to prioritize funding that can be accessed by counties to provide training and services for employees of local correctional institutions. As Congress considers various criminal justice reform measures, the needs and safety of correctional employees should not be overlooked.

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