



Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen

House Committee on Appropriations

**FY 2018 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill - Subcommittee Markup
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Opening Statement As Prepared**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the time and for all your hard work and that of members of the Subcommittee and this excellent staff to make this mark-up possible.

I am going to exercise the prerogatives as Chair and reserve my more expansive remarks for full committee.

Our first responsibility as Members of Congress is the safety and security of our people. Yet, our nation is facing increased threats here at home. Federal law enforcement is essential to confronting these threats and making sure that all those that do harm are brought to justice.

This bill increases funding for law enforcement – making sure they have the resources they need to fight terrorism and all manners of crime, including cybercrime and human trafficking.

In addition, the legislation includes important investments to boost U.S. scientific innovation that will maintain our global leadership.

I urge its adoption.

Once again, I want to thank the Chair, the Ranking Members, all members of the Subcommittee, and this excellent staff for producing such a strong bill on such short notice.

Mr. Chair, thanks for the time! I yield back.

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