



PRESERVE HIDTA: MAINTAIN ROBUST FUNDING AND ONDCP ADMINISTRATION

The National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Directors Association (NHDA), Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA), Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA), National Fusion Center Association (NFCA), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies (NASDEA), and National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC) urge Congress to maintain funding for High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program and preserve its administration under the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to ensure continued success in combating drug trafficking across the United States.

America faces complex and evolving drug trafficking challenges that span regional, state, and national boundaries. In response, Congress created the HIDTA Program to enhance collaboration across federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. The HIDTA Program strengthens public safety by disrupting illegal drug markets through coordinated law enforcement strategies.

Operating in 33 regions across all 50 states, HIDTA channels critical funding and resources to areas hardest hit by drug trafficking. Each HIDTA region is governed by an Executive Board of federal, state, and local law enforcement leaders, ensuring balanced representation and locally tailored strategies.

HIDTA's strength lies in its agency-neutral, intelligence-driven approach. It unites multiple law enforcement entities in joint investigations, intelligence sharing, and strategic operations - efforts that no single agency could execute alone. This collaborative model has led to the dismantling of major trafficking networks and thousands of successful prosecutions. Beyond enforcement, HIDTA fosters innovation and flexibility, adapting quickly to new threats and regional trends in drug trafficking.

ONDCP is uniquely positioned to administer HIDTA due to its neutral oversight and ability to align the program with national drug control priorities. Unlike individual enforcement agencies, ONDCP does not promote a single department's interests - its sole focus is on effective coordination and strategy. Housing HIDTA within ONDCP ensures a balanced, coordinated response to drug threats and protects the integrity of its multi-agency structure.

The HIDTA Program is a proven model of successful interagency cooperation, delivering measurable results in the fight against drug trafficking. Its effectiveness depends on both continued resources and neutral, strategic oversight under ONDCP. Preserving this structure is essential to safeguarding American communities from the growing threats of drug trafficking organizations.

NHDA, MCSA, ASCIA, NFCA, IACP, NDAA, NASDEA, and NNOAC stand ready to support efforts to ensure the continued success of this vital law enforcement program.