



Public Safety Prioritized: Legislative Review

The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) advocates for prosecutors on the front lines of public safety by supporting bipartisan proposals to make communities safer and by opposing legislation detrimental to public safety. The top priorities for the association are increasing funding for recruitment, retention, and training for prosecutors, funding new tools and resources for criminal investigations, and fighting organized retail crime.

Legislative Proposals

- **Prosecutor Grant Program** (Legislative Proposal), a bill that would make funds available to hire and train new prosecutors or support staff or rehire staff that were laid off as a result of budget reductions.
- The **Carla Walker Act** (Legislative Proposal) authorizes the U.S. Department of Justice to issue grants to state, local, and tribal government agencies to deploy advanced forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis. This technology is an emerging scientific investigative method that can assist in the identification of criminals and unidentified victims, exonerate wrongly accused suspects, and bring certainty to loved ones searching for answers.
- The **Combatting Organized Retail Crime Act** (S. 140/H.R. 895) establishes the Organized Retail Crime Coordination Center to coordinate Federal, State, local, and Tribal efforts to combat organized retail crime and create new tools to tackle evolving trends in organized retail theft, which cost retailers—and ultimately consumers—billions of dollars every year.
- The **EARN IT Act** (S. 1207/H.R. 2732) revokes blanket immunity that interactive computer services claim under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act and allows survivors to sue those who cause harm through online platforms.
- The **Project Safe Childhood Act** (S. 1170/H.R. 2661) modernizes the investigation and prosecution of online child exploitation crimes and requires federal prosecutors to coordinate with law enforcement and experts to develop training materials and strategies to rescue child victims and quickly arrest offenders. The legislation provides funding for the training of prosecutors and law enforcement and 20 new Assistant United States Attorneys.
- The **Project Safe Neighborhoods Reauthorization Act** (S. 1387/H.R. 4384) improves funding and provides direct support for a nationwide partnership between federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors that uses evidence-based and data-driven approaches to reduce violent crime.
- The **Witness Security and Protection Grant Program Act** (S. 37/H.R. 475) establishes and strengthens witness protection programs through competitive grants to local and state jurisdictions, including prosecutors and law enforcement agencies.
- The **Back the Blue Act** (S. 1569/H.R. 3079) increases the penalties available when an offender harms a member of law enforcement or the judiciary and increases funding available to improve police and community relations.

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