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THE VOICE OF AMERICA'S PROSECUTORS

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2022 Legislative Priorities

Supporting Prosecutors

- Ensure an increase in funding for the Byrne-JAG grant programming, the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program, Child Advocacy Center and Multidisciplinary Team grant programs.
- Extend and expand funding from the CARES Act, American Rescue Plan, and subsequent infrastructure and recovery efforts to assist prosecutors in hiring new staff, employing new courtroom technology, and addressing the backlog of cases as courts reopen.

Electronic Communications & Encryption

- Ensure law enforcement has proper access to electronic evidence as essential pieces of any investigation into criminal activity in an increasingly digital environment.
- Allow the use of cell phone jamming systems in prisons to ensure cell phones are not used to direct illegal activities outside prison walls.

Victims' Rights

- Support the rights of victims of crime through increased notification requirements and ensure victims have a voice as our criminal justice system continues to be reevaluated.
- Expand programming and opportunities for victims of domestic violence while ensuring abusers are held accountable and the safety of survivors are prioritized.

Criminal Justice Reform

- Ensure full implementation of the First Step Act with adequate funding to support the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) staff and facilities in carrying out the law.
- End the sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine in the Federal system.
- End license suspensions for fines and fees to ensure we are not policing poverty, while ensuring suspension remain for those pose a risk to traffic safety.
- Provide certificates of rehabilitation to equip incarcerated individuals with the tools to successfully re-enter society.

Drug Policy & Community Safety

- Ensure a consistent policy approach is taken to address drug abuse and addiction issues and dedicated funds are put towards MAT programming, support services, and law enforcement led programs to educate the public on the dangers of impairment.
- Ensure that the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is given proper authority to regulate and stop the flow of synthetic fentanyl into the country as a temporary extension of scheduling synthetic opioids expires in 2021.