

California Members of Congress Support Rep. Josh Gottheimer's Invest to Protect Act

About the Invest to Protect Act (H.R. 6448)

The Invest to Protect Act would authorize \$50 million a year for a new grant program for police departments with fewer than 200 officers. Funding would be administered by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and could be used for a variety of purposes, including investment in critical law enforcement training on de-escalation, officer safety, and domestic violence response.

PORAC is grateful for our lawmakers who realize the importance of investing in law enforcement. The Invest to Protect Act is the kind of bipartisan congressional action our country needs right now!

PORAC President Brian Marvel

Every day, our brave law enforcement wake up, put on a bulletproof vest, kiss their spouses and children goodbye, and put their lives on the line to look out for us. That's why we must always get the backs of our first responders, and all those who serve our nation. With my bipartisan legislation, we will make critical investments in our law enforcement, in training and tools, in recruiting and retaining the best talent, and in ensuring they have the resources they need to keep themselves and our communities safe. When it comes to law enforcement, we need to invest to protect. That's how you keep families safe.

Congressman Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5)

Central Coast law enforcement officers work hard every day to protect our communities, combat gun violence, and keep our families safe. They shouldn't have to worry about competing with big city police departments for funding that can help them recruit and train. The Invest to Protect Act would ensure they get the resources they need to do their jobs.

Congressman Salud Carbajal (CA-24)

Our police and sheriffs put their lives on the line every day to keep our families safe and I thank them for their incredible service. I'm proud to support getting our officers the funding and resources they need to keep our communities safe. They have our backs, we should have theirs.

Congressman Josh Harder (CA-10)

Many of our communities are finding it very difficult to recruit and retain quality officers, especially now as we face increasing rates of crime. Our bipartisan bill would help those communities by providing their law enforcement agencies with federal funding for resources, including de-escalation training, mental health services, body cameras, and incentives to recruit and retain officers. I realize that crime is seen by some as a local issue, but as a federal representative and a former prosecutor, I know that federal financial support can greatly help our law enforcement agencies properly protect and serve all communities.

Congressman Jimmy Panetta (CA-20)

I have always been a strong supporter of law enforcement. Police departments in small communities, like many in the Central Valley, struggle to have enough funding to properly recruit, train, and provide resources for their officers. I'm proud to cosponsor legislation that would invest dollars into giving the men and women who keep our communities safe the resources they need to do their job.

Congressman David Valadao (CA-21)