TASK FORCE ON STATE AND LOCAL HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON STATE AND LOCAL HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING

America is at war with a well organized, highly motivated, capable, and implacable foe committed to attacking our homeland.

Given this undeniable reality, and with the specific intent to accelerate the creation and maintenance of operational capabilities to prevent, protect, respond to and recover from acts of terror within the United States at all levels of government, the Task Force on State and Local Homeland Security Funding (Task Force) addressed the complex Federal, State, Local, and Tribal Homeland Security Grants process.

On behalf of the undersigned, we are pleased to forward this consensus Task Force Report on State and Local Homeland Security Funding for your consideration and appropriate implementation. The Task Force thanks you for the opportunity to address these critical issues that are fundamental to our Nation’s security, its freedoms, and future.

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