



**STATEMENT OF J. THOMAS COCHRAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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“The nation’s mayors, Democrats and Republicans, today restate their support for Senator Clinton’s legislation to create a homeland security block grant.

“This bill would provide direct financial assistance to the frontlines in our homeland security efforts – our cities. Every city has different needs. Senator Clinton’s plan wisely gives communities broad discretion to use these funds as they see fit based on specific, local security needs.”

Mayors know the importance of public safety and are 100 percent committed to the homeland war against terror. But we must forge a new federal-local partnership to make sure that our local troops have the resources needed for this new challenge. Senator Clinton’s bill helps build this crucial partnership.”

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