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The Honorable Pam Bondi Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

This letter is in response to the May 30, 2025, Department of Justice (the Department) fiscal year 2025 spend plan, which was submitted to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (the Committee) pursuant to Division A, Title I, Section 1113, and Title III of the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119–4). This Act dictates that the Department is to submit a spend plan within 45 days of enactment. This spend plan submission far exceeded that deadline and was finally submitted to this Committee 31 days after it was due. I will remind the Department of its obligation to follow the law.

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in the aforementioned appropriations act and consistent with established oversight practices, I object to the Section 205/505 transfer notification that proposes to transfer up to \$10 million from INTERPOL Washington (under General Legal Activities) to the U.S. Marshals Service. Furthermore, I object to any efforts at this time to terminate INTERPOL Washington as a standalone component at the Department.

I am continuing to review this complex proposal, and therefore, at this time, I do not approve any remaining Department proposals contained within the FY 2025 spend plan, including reprogramming or transfer requests, that I have not expressly addressed above.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen Ranking Member

Subcommittee on Commerce,

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