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Rep. Gary Miller Requests Full Funding for SCAAP in FY 2011

WASHINGTON, DC –Congressman Miller and nearly 40 of his colleagues sent a letter to the House Appropriations Committee Leadership urging the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) be fully funded at its authorized level of \$950 million during Fiscal Year 2011. This important program reimburses states for the costs of incarcerating illegal criminal aliens.

“Earlier this year, the Administration proposed to fund SCAAP at only \$330 million, which is a far cry from what is actually needed to reduce the burden on state and local governments,” said Congressman Miller. “While the federal government needs to address our nation’s illegal immigration and border security crisis, SCAAP is crucial to reducing the costs of incarcerating illegal immigrants on state and local governments.”

In 2005, a Government Accountability Office report found that states spend more than \$1.7 billion each year to incarcerate criminal aliens, and Congress has only reimbursed about 20 percent of these local expenditures over the years through SCAAP. The difference between actual expenditures and the SCAAP reimbursement level is particularly dramatic for California, which has the largest number of incarcerated illegal criminal aliens of any state in the nation. This year, the cost to California alone is estimated to be \$900 million.

“California is continuing to face unprecedented budgetary challenges and at the same time the federal government has failed to address the ongoing illegal immigration crisis,” added Congressman Miller. “At the very least, Congress should fully fund SCAAP in order to alleviate the fiscal burden of its failed immigration policies.”

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