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To authorize “Meth Watch” program grants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. WAMP, Mr. OSE, and Mr. CASE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The Meth Watch program is a voluntary
6 program started in the State of Kansas as a public-
7 private partnership in 2002.

8 (2) Since 2002, the Meth Watch program has
9 worked to engage retailers, law enforcement, State
10 and local agencies, and other key partners to reduce
11 the illegal diversion of methamphetamine precursor

1 chemicals, and to increase community awareness
2 about the methamphetamine problem.

3 (3) Since implementing the program, Kansas
4 has succeeded in reducing losses due to theft of pre-
5 cursor chemicals and in improving communication
6 and cooperation between law enforcement and retail-
7 ers.

8 (4) Because of the success of the Meth Watch
9 program, several other States have begun to adopt
10 the Kansas model, and many more have expressed
11 interest but have been deterred by a lack of funds
12 and expertise.

13 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF GRANTS FOR METH WATCH**
14 **PROGRAMS.**

15 (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Director of the Of-
16 fice of National Drug Control Policy may provide grants
17 to States for the implementation and evaluation of Meth
18 Watch programs. Such programs shall have as their pur-
19 pose—

20 (1) improving communication and cooperation
21 between law enforcement agencies and manufactur-
22 ers, distributors, and retailers of products that are
23 frequently used in the production of methamphet-
24 amine; and

1 (2) increasing public awareness of the ways in
2 which the illegal manufacturers of methamphetamine
3 obtain precursor chemicals and equipment for use in
4 methamphetamine production, and of how the public
5 may assist law enforcement agencies in stopping
6 such activity.

7 (b) USE OF GRANT FUNDS.—Grant funds awarded
8 pursuant to subsection (a) may be used by a State—

9 (1) to hire and retain personnel to implement
10 and manage a Meth Watch program;

11 (2) to pay for training expenses and technical
12 assistance to law enforcement personnel and employ-
13 ees of manufacturers, distributors, or retailers of
14 products that are frequently used in the production
15 of methamphetamine;

16 (3) to obtain informational materials, such as
17 posters, signs, window or counter stickers, or videos,
18 designed to implement the purposes of the program;

19 (4) to establish and maintain an informational
20 telephone, Internet, or other “hotline” for the re-
21 porting by manufacturers, distributors, or retailers
22 to law enforcement agencies of suspicious trans-
23 actions in methamphetamine precursor chemicals or
24 equipment; or

1 (5) to make grants to subdivisions of the State
2 to implement the program.

3 (c) APPLICATION.—To receive a grant under this sec-
4 tion, a State shall submit an application to the Director
5 of the Office of National Drug Control Policy at such time,
6 in such manner, and containing such information as the
7 Director may require.

8 (d) DURATION OF GRANT.—A grant provided under
9 this section may be available for use by a State for a pe-
10 riod of no more than two years.

11 (e) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office
13 of National Drug Control Policy shall submit to the Com-
14 mittees on Appropriations and to the authorizing commit-
15 tees of jurisdiction of the House of Representatives and
16 the Senate a report evaluating the effectiveness of each
17 Meth Watch program that has received funds under this
18 section. The report shall set forth the specific performance
19 measures of effectiveness used in making the evaluation,
20 including measures designed to test the effectiveness of
21 each program in reducing the amount of methamphet-
22 amine produced, and the amount of precursor chemicals
23 and equipment diverted to illegal methamphetamine pro-
24 duction, within the State.

1 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Office of National
3 Drug Control Policy \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years
4 2006 through 2008 to implement this section.

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