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It will be a sad Public Safety month next June...



Because after January 2, 2013, our Public Safety system will be severely challenged because, according to a Dear Colleague letter from Rep. Norm Dicks (WA-6), sequestration will result in:

- The Department of Justice having to eliminate 11,000 positions, including 3,700 FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms personnel. These jobs are responsible for protecting Americans against terrorism, drug gangs, gun-running and violent crime.
- The Federal Bureau of Prisons would have to cut 6,891 correctional officer positions and furlough its remaining staff for 30 days. This would result in an inmate-to-staff ratio up from 4.95 to 6.52, creating a severe threat to health and safety at Federal prisons.
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement would lose 550 investigators and intelligence analysts.
- Approximately 453 Court Security Officer positions would have to be laid off, creating security safety issues throughout the federal court system.
- The Federal Air Marshals' budget would have to be cut by \$116.6 million which will likely lead to such a large cut in personnel that they would no longer be able to adequately cover domestic and international flights against terrorist activities and threats to passenger safety.

Nonsensical across-the-board cuts to spending are NOT the answer!