

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Representative Lee Terry (NE-02) today introduced an amendment to H.R. 2829, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) Reauthorization Act of 2006 to require consultation with major law enforcement organizations.

The Terry amendment directs the ONDCP to consult with the head of each major national organization that represents law enforcement officers, agencies, or associations, prior to making recommendations to the President on the national budget for drug control and enforcement each year. The U.S. House of Representatives today unanimously approved the Terry amendment, as well as passing H.R. 2829.

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**"It is common sense that the Office of National Drug Control Policy must work closely with the law enforcement officers risking their lives each day to protect Americans from illegal drugs," Terry said. □ "Right now, ONDCP is required to consult with the heads of its own departments, but not with major law enforcement groups.**

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**ONDCP has not attempted to work with law enforcement officers in developing the nation's drug control strategy.**

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**It is unfortunate Congress must direct consultation with the law enforcement officers on the front lines of the war on drugs. "**

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**"ONDCP has made no attempt to speak with state and local police officers to determine how to combat meth," Terry added. "ONDCP has excluded critical law enforcement organizations, such as the National Sheriff's Association, the Fraternal Order of Police Chiefs, or the National Narcotic Officer's Associations Coalition, in the drug war discussions. This makes no sense. If ONDCP had spoken with our law enforcement agents, they would recognize that Byrne grants are a critical combat meth nationwide.**

**"ONDCP Director "Drug Czar" John Walters has failed to recognize the threat of meth or the key role of law enforcement officers to fight meth."**

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ONDCP advises the President on national and international drug control policies and strategies, certifies budget requests for federal drug control agencies, and works to ensure the effective coordination of drug programs. The legislation makes ONDCP more efficient by reducing outdated reporting and structural requirements required by current law. The bill also improves ONDCP and its programs by enhancing effectiveness and accountability in drug treatment and requiring greater diligence in addressing our nation's methamphetamine epidemic.

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