

WASHINGTON- Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) has received notification from the U.S. Department of Justice that the Nebraska State Patrol has been selected to receive funding to support the Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program. The grant is in the amount of \$280,248.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 authorizes the Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office to implement a Sex Offender Management Assistance program (SOMA). SOMA grants assist state, local and tribal jurisdictions in implementing and/or enhancing sex offender registration and notification programs which support compliance with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

**I am pleased, along with all the citizens of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District that the Nebraska State Patrol is receiving these funds to assist in their efforts to keep our community safe. In Douglas County alone there are more than 320 registered sex offenders, this money will be well spent prosecuting and monitoring those in our community who have preyed on the innocent," said Congressman Terry.**

