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To: Chairman Grassley and the Senate Judiciary Committee
From: Steven F. Lukan-Director Iowa ODCP
Re: Answers to questions submitted regarding testimony
Date: 30 October 2015

Dear Chairman Grassley and the members of the Judiciary Committee. I want to once again thank you for your leadership regarding anti-drug issues, and for holding the hearing in Iowa earlier this month regarding the impact of methamphetamine.

You have submitted follow up questions regarding the number of firearms seized in Iowa that have been involved with meth trafficking and the number of children harmed by methamphetamine in Iowa.

One of the key tools we have in Iowa to battle methamphetamine are Byrne-Jag funded anti-drug task forces. Often when task forces are working to disrupt drug trafficking and manufacturing organizations, they encounter individuals and crime scenes where more than one drug is present. Therefore, it is difficult to provide accurate numbers regarding weapons seized from methamphetamine activity and the number of children harmed in the production and use of the drug.

However, I have listed below a look at the past 5 years of data we track regarding these topics. As you can see, Byrne-Jag funding has been critical to helping children escape the dangers of methamphetamine production, distribution and use, and has also been instrumental in decreasing the number of firearms used in illicit activity.

Byrne JAG Funded Task Force Firearms Seized

SFY 2010	517
SFY 2011	745
SFY 2012	973
SFY 2013	547
SFY 2014	598
SFY 2015	915

*Note: We track the number of firearms seized, but cannot connect them to a specific drug type. Generally when there is a spike in the number of guns seized it is attributable to a couple of large seizures.

Byrne JAG Funded Task Force Number of Youth Referred to DHS

SFY 2012	410
SFY 2013	450
SFY 2014	300
SFY 2015	321

**Note: We track the number of referrals to DHS, but like the firearms I can't distinguish which drug type was involved in the referrals.

I hope this information helps answer your follow up questions. Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven F. Lukan", with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

Steven F. Lukan-Director Iowa ODCP