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To amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Act Reauthorization Act of 1998 to ensure that adequate funding is provided for certain high intensity drug trafficking areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BIDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dawson Family Com-
5 munity Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) In the early morning hours of October 16,
2 2002, the home of Carnell and Angela Dawson was
3 firebombed in apparent retaliation for Mrs.
4 Dawson’s notification of police about persistent drug
5 distribution activity in their East Baltimore City
6 neighborhood.

7 (2) The arson claimed the lives of Mr. and Mrs.
8 Dawson and their 5 young children, aged 9 to 14.

9 (3) The horrific murder of the Dawson family
10 is a stark example of domestic narco-terrorism.

11 (4) In all phases of counter-narcotics law en-
12 forcement—from prevention to investigation to pros-
13 ecution to reentry—the voluntary cooperation of or-
14 dinary citizens is a critical component.

15 (5) Voluntary cooperation is difficult for law en-
16 forcement officials to obtain when citizens feel that
17 cooperation carries the risk of violent retaliation by
18 illegal drug trafficking organizations and their affili-
19 ates.

20 (6) Public confidence that law enforcement is
21 doing all it can to make communities safe is a pre-
22 requisite for voluntary cooperation among people
23 who may be subject to intimidation or reprisal (or
24 both).

1 (7) Witness protection programs are insufficient
2 on their own to provide security because many indi-
3 viduals and families who strive every day to make
4 distressed neighborhoods livable for their children,
5 other relatives, and neighbors will resist or refuse of-
6 fers of relocation by local, State, and Federal pros-
7 ecutorial agencies and because, moreover, the contin-
8 ued presence of strong individuals and families is
9 critical to preserving and strengthening the social
10 fabric in such communities.

11 (8) Where (as in certain sections of Baltimore
12 City) interstate trafficking of illegal drugs has severe
13 ancillary local consequences within areas designated
14 as High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, it is im-
15 portant that supplementary HIDTA Program funds
16 be committed to support initiatives aimed at making
17 the affected communities safe for the residents of
18 those communities and encouraging their coopera-
19 tion with local, State, and Federal law enforcement
20 efforts to combat illegal drug trafficking.

21 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FOR CERTAIN HIGH INTENSITY DRUG**
22 **TRAFFICKING AREAS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 707(d) of the Office of
24 National Drug Control Policy Act Reauthorization Act of

1 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1706(d); Public Law 105–277; 112 Stat.
2 2681–670) is amended to read as follows:

3 “(d) AUTHORIZATION AND USE OF FUNDS.—

4 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to
5 be appropriated \$5,000,000 to be used in high inten-
6 sity drug trafficking areas with severe neighborhood
7 safety and illegal drug distribution problems to—

8 “(A) ensure the safety of neighborhoods
9 and the protection of communities, including
10 the prevention of the intimidation of potential
11 witnesses of illegal drug distribution and related
12 activities; and

13 “(B) combat illegal drug trafficking
14 through such methods as the Director considers
15 appropriate, such as establishing or operating
16 (or both) a toll-free telephone hotline for use by
17 the public to provide information about illegal
18 drug-related activities.

19 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—The Director shall en-
20 sure that no Federal funds appropriated for the
21 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Program are ex-
22 pended for the establishment or expansion of drug
23 treatment programs.”.

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