

The Republicans budget proposal would cut homeland security spending by .5% of the President's request--roughly \$155 Million.

WHAT WOULD \$155 MILLION DO?

\$155 million is more than half of what is needed to complete the installation of radiation portal monitors at our border crossings, air cargo facilities, rail border crossings and smaller ports of entry.

\$155 million would buy 78 VACIS machines to deploy to U.S. ports of entry to detect radiological equipment in cargo containers.

\$155 million would allow every state in the nation to implement an initial interoperable communication capability, allowing all first responders to communicate during and emergency incident.

\$155 million is more than 3 times the amount of funding that was cut in the fiscal year 2005 budget for the Metropolitan Medical Response System, which enhances existing emergency preparedness systems to effectively respond to a public health crisis, particularly a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) event.

\$155 million would more than restore ALL funding for transportation security grants- Intercity Bus Security Grants, Operation Safe Commerce, and the Trucking Industry Security Program-to FY 2004 funding levels in the FY 2005 budget.

\$155 million would restore more than half of the \$250 million cut to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which was created by Congress in order to meet *basic, critical needs* of the firefighting community. For example, fire departments across the country have only enough radios to equip half the firefighters on a shift, and breathing apparatuses for only one third.

\$155 million would almost triple the amount of research and development funding in the FY 2005 budget for air cargo screening technologies.

\$155 million would more than restore all funding reduced in the FY 2004 budget for the Centers for Disease Control and Health Resources and Services Administration grants to boost preparedness for bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

\$155 million is more than three times the amount needed to create an Information Technology "Red Team" to speed watch list integration and speed the implementation of a Systemwide Homeland Analysis and Resource Exchange (SHARE) Network called for by the Markle Foundation.