

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 3, 2026

The Honorable Todd Blanche  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Blanche:

We respectfully urge the Department of Justice (DOJ) to release funding for the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS) Program without further delay. This funding is critical for local law enforcement agencies, particularly those in rural and small communities, and any delay puts public safety at risk.

RISS funding has continually received strong bipartisan support in Congress because it strengthens coordination among law enforcement agencies nationwide. Congress included \$44 million for the RISS program in the FY26 spending bill however, these funds have yet to be distributed. Through their six regional centers across the country, RISS serves as a force multiplier for more than 11,200 federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.

These essential dollars go toward law enforcement efforts to combat major crimes, apprehend and prosecute offenders, resolve criminal investigations, and ensure safety for officers and the public. Over the last ten years, officers leveraging RISS services reported more than \$2.3 billion in narcotics, property, and currency seizures – a 500% return on federal investment – and aided in the arrest of more than 23,000 offenders. With this funding still pending, officers and agencies that depend on it face growing strain.

We urge the DOJ to release this funding promptly to ensure our local law enforcement officers and departments continue to keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

  
Gabe Vasquez  
Member of Congress

  
David Kustoff  
Member of Congress