



# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

AARON D. KENNARD  
Executive Director

October 3, 2013

The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1131 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Cassidy:

I write on behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the more than 3,000 elected sheriffs nationwide to express our urgent support for your bill "making automatic continuing appropriations for the continuation of FBI emergency and critical training programs in the event of a Government shutdown."

Your bill would ensure that such training programs as the FBI's National Academy – the #255 session of which is at this very moment in limbo at Quantico, VA – would not be jeopardized by the funding uncertainty of a Federal Government shutdown.

The National Academy provides training to leaders and managers of state and local police departments, sheriff's offices, military police organizations, and federal law enforcement agencies. Participation is by invitation only with attendees coming from every State in the country and from over 150 international partner nations. The training serves to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide and, thereby, improve public safety at home and abroad. Accordingly, the FBI's National Academy is a critical law enforcement training program, the disruption of which must not be permitted – and which in the interests of public safety cannot be tolerated – during a Government shutdown.

In closing, the National Sheriffs' Association very much appreciates your introduction of this crucial bill, and we look forward to continuing our work with you to ensure its swift passage.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aaron D. Kennard".

Sheriff (ret.) Aaron D. Kennard  
Executive Director