

AWAITING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 3394** – (Rep. Posey)

The *Clarifying Amendment to Provide Terrorism Victims Equity Act* allows the blocked assets of foreign terrorist drug dealers to be used to compensate victims of terrorist attacks that they perpetrated.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3892** – (Rep. Diaz-Balart) calls on the Administration to recognize the Muslim Brotherhood as a terrorist organization.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 5578** – (Rep. Walters) The *Survivors' Bill of Rights Act* provides protections and access to a legal process for survivors of sexual assault.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Hearing examining ways to preserve the benefits of strong encryption – including the protection of Americans' privacy and information security – while also ensuring law enforcement has the tools needed to keep us safe and prevent crime.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Created a bipartisan encryption working group with the House Energy and Commerce Committee to examine the complicated legal and policy issues surrounding encryption.

## RELIEF from EXCESSIVE REGULATION

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1155** – (Rep. J. Smith) The *Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome (SCRUB) Act* institutes an independent regulatory review commission to examine regulatory programs that could be repealed to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 712** – (Rep. D. Collins) The *Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act* prevents secret settlement deals between federal agencies and pro-regulatory plaintiffs that result in new federal regulations for everyone.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1759** – (Rep. Ratcliffe) The *All Economic Regulations are Transparent Act* requires bureaucrats to provide more timely detailed information and greater transparency regarding planned or proposed regulations and prevents new rules from taking effect if they fail to do so.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 690** – (Rep. Luetkemeyer) The *Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act* requires any new proposed regulation to include a 100-word, plain-language summary of the rule online.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4321** – (Rep. Ratcliffe) The *Separation of Powers Restoration Act* restores the proper balance of power by requiring federal courts to once again carefully scrutinize agencies' interpretations and decisions regarding the statutes passed by Congress.

## ENCOURAGING INNOVATION

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-125): **H.R. 235** – (Rep. Goodlatte/Chabot) The *Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act* permanently bans taxes on Internet access.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-153): **H.R. 3326** – (Rep. D. Collins) The *Defend Trade Secrets Act* creates a federal civil remedy for stealing trade secrets that will help American innovators protect their intellectual property from theft.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Continued review of U.S. Copyright law.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS of the



House of Representatives

# Judiciary Committee

Chairman Bob Goodlatte

114TH CONGRESS, 2ND SESSION

## AGGRESSIVE OVERSIGHT of the OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the Department of Justice (DOJ) with Attorney General Loretta Lynch.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Created the Task Force on Executive Overreach to examine the breakdown of the separation of powers and checks and balances that has led to the unprecedented increase in presidential power.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Two hearings examining misconduct by the IRS Commissioner John Koskinen.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Oversight hearing on the federal court system.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 5063** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act* blocks the Justice Department from forcing private companies to send money to the Administration's liberal pet projects.

## PROMOTING FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 2947** – (Rep. Trott) The *Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act* strengthens our nation's bankruptcy laws to ensure that shareholders and creditors of a financial institution, not taxpayers, bear the risk and the losses associated with the failure of a financial institution.

## AN EFFICIENT and JUST LEGAL SYSTEM

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1927** – (Rep. Goodlatte) The *Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act* strengthens federal rules to help ensure actual victims receive just compensation.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3624** – (Rep. Buck) The *Fraudulent Joinder Prevention Act* addresses litigation abuse by giving federal judges greater discretion to remove innocent local defendants from lawsuits.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3765** – (Rep. Poe) The *ADA Education and Reform Act* encourages greater access under the Americans with Disabilities Act by giving small business owners an opportunity to fix the problem before a lawsuit is filed.

## PROTECTING AMERICAN VALUES

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4676** – (Rep. Rooney) The *Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act* protects veterans from financial predators who target them for their own financial gain.



## THE FREEDOM *to* PROSPER: PROTECTING AMERICANS' LIBERTIES

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-126): **H.R. 1428** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Judicial Redress Act* strengthens partnerships with our allies by giving covered foreign citizens the ability to seek judicial redress in U.S. courts to ensure that their privacy is protected when they give similar rights to U.S. citizens.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 699** – (Rep. Yoder) The *Email Privacy Act* makes necessary updates to current law to protect Americans' digital privacy and provide law enforcement with tools needed for its investigations.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Committee continued working on a bipartisan initiative to reform a variety of criminal justice issues, including over-criminalization, sentencing reform, prison and reentry reform, protecting citizens through improved criminal procedures and policing strategies, and civil asset forfeiture reform. As part of the initiative the Committee passed the following bills in 2016:

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3406** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Second Chance Reauthorization Act* helps prisoners who have completed their sentence to successfully return to society.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 1854** – (Rep. D. Collins) The *Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act* promotes public safety and community health by facilitating collaboration among criminal justice, juvenile justice, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 5283** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Due Process Act* strengthens protections for Americans' property through civil asset forfeiture reform.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 759** – (Rep. Chaffetz) The *Corrections and Recidivism Reduction Act* reforms the federal prison system, strengthens public safety, enhances prison security, and provides inmates the help they need.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 320** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Rapid DNA Act* updates current law to allow Rapid DNA analysis machines to be used at local police stations. This technology expedites DNA analysis for suspect identification purposes.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 68** – (Rep. Jackson Lee) The *Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Reauthorization Act* reauthorizes a federal grant program targeted at reducing crime among youth.

## A FAIR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM THAT WORKS *for* AMERICA

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4731** – (Rep. Labrador) The *Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act* reforms the refugee program by curbing fraud and strengthening public safety and national security.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 5203** – (Rep. Forbes) The *Visa Integrity and Security Act* strengthens visa security, curbs fraud, and enhances the integrity of the immigration system.

COMMITTEE PASSAGE: **H.R. 3636** – (Rep. Walters) The *Oversee Visa Integrity and Stakeholder Advisories Act* makes an important improvement to the O visa program which will provide needed transparency while helping to combat fraud.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Hearing examining the swell of unaccompanied alien minors and family units crossing the southwest border and the Administration's lack of vetting of unaccompanied children's sponsors in the U.S.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Hearing examining the EB-5 investor visa program, which – while intended to create jobs and inject capital into the U.S. economy – has become plagued with fraud and abuse and poses security concerns.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Hearing examining the significant public safety threat posed by criminal aliens and the victims they have left in their wake as a result of the Obama Administration's abandonment of immigration enforcement.

## SECURITY FOR CITIZENS *and* BUSINESSES

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-115): **H.R. 228** – (Rep. LoBiondo) The *Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization* reauthorizes the bulletproof vest program for state and local law enforcement officers.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-133): **H.R. 472** – (Rep. McKinley) The *Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act* allows trained Bureau of Prisons officers to use pepper spray to reduce acts of violence committed by prisoners.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-180): **H.R. 2137** – (Rep. D. Collins) The *Federal Law Enforcement Self Defense Protection Act* ensures that federal officers are able to defend and protect themselves on and off-duty.

SIGNED INTO LAW (P.L. 114-154): **H.R. 3380** – (Rep. Marino) The *Transnational Drug Trafficking Act* combats drug trafficking and the importation of chemicals used to make illicit drugs in the U.S.

AWAITING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 5046** – (Rep. Sensenbrenner) The *Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act* combats the opioid epidemic by establishing a streamlined, comprehensive opioid abuse grant program, which includes training and resources for first responders and law enforcement, drug courts, and residential abuse treatment.

AWAITING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 4985** – (Rep. Katko) The *Kingpin Designation Improvement Act* protects classified information in court proceedings involving drug kingpins.

AWAITING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 5052** – (Rep. McCarthy) The *Opioid Program Evaluation Act* increases the transparency and accountability of the comprehensive opioid abuse grant program.

AWAITING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 5048** – (Rep. Guinta) The *Good Samaritan Assessment Act* requires GAO to study state and local Good Samaritan laws that protect caregivers, law enforcement personnel, and first responders from criminal or civil liability.

AWAITING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE: **H.R. 4584** – (Rep. J. Carter) The *POLICE Act* allows law enforcement and medical personnel across the country to use federal grant funds to train for active shooter situations.

HOUSE PASSAGE: **H.R. 4240** – (Rep. Jackson Lee) The *No Fly for Foreign Fighters Act* ensures the terrorist watchlist is operating efficiently and effectively in light of evolving threats from ISIS.