



*Bill Nelson  
U.S. Senator*

*I am proud to represent Floridians in the U.S. Senate, where one of my goals is to make sure our state receives its fair share of federal funds. These funds give our cities and communities the tools necessary to improve the quality of life for all Floridians. And as law enforcement now plays a greater role in the fight against terror, I understand the importance of making sure you receive adequate federal resources.*

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*From Washington D. C.*

# Legislative News for PBA

## Protecting Our Children Must Remain A Priority

**A**s you well know, there are tens of thousands of sex offenders in our state, many that would seek to harm our children. That's why it's so critical law enforcement has the resources it needs to keep our communities safe from these predators.

As tragic events in the past have shown us, it is vital that we know the location of convicted sexual predators when they are released back into our communities. They should not have the opportunity to repeat their offense after completing their time in prison.

In the last session of Congress, I authored a provision that was signed into law as part of Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act that makes Jessica Lunsford and Sarah Lunde Grants available to states like Florida that have adopted global positioning systems to track sexual offenders. The measure provides \$15 million over three years to state or local governments that are carrying out electronic monitoring programs.

Meantime, I'll continue to support full funding for the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act which provides grants to help state and local governments enforce sex offender registration requirements, investigate sex crimes

against children, and address the treatment needs of juvenile sex offenders.

I also supported a new law Congress passed last October that creates an office at the Department of Justice to focus exclusively on child exploitation prevention and interdiction. That law, the Protect Our Children Act, builds upon the work of the Internet Crimes against Children Task

Force by funding robust cybercrime units and increasing the FBI's capacity to handle child exploitation case. By coordinating efforts at the Federal level, the ability of law enforcement to investigate and prosecute child predators is greatly enhanced.

While many states and local governments continue to struggle to fund critical programs due to the economic downturn, I strongly believe we must not cut corners when it comes to providing law enforcement with the tools they need to protect our children and our communities.

I thank you for your public service and look forward to continuing to work with you on finding solutions to the many challenges facing Florida and the nation's law enforcement community. ●

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