

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 467, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. KUSTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

At the end of the bill, adding the following section:

1 **SEC. 7. GRANTS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEIL-**
2 **LANCE IN FORENSIC LABORATORIES.**

3 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
4 Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following:

6 **“PART PP—CONFRONTING THE USE OF HEROIN,**
7 **FENTANYL, AND ASSOCIATED SYNTHETIC DRUGS**
8 **“SEC. 3061. GRANTS TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY**
9 **THROUGH IMPROVED FORENSIC LABORA-**
10 **TORY DATA.**

11 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of a grant awarded
12 under this section shall be to promote public health by
13 assisting a State or unit of local government to establish
14 or improve a surveillance program in order to facilitate
15 the seizure of covered controlled substances.

16 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF GRANT.—The Attorney
17 General, acting through the Director of the Bureau of
18 Justice Assistance, may make a grant to a State or unit
19 of local government to promote public health by estab-

1 lishing or improving a surveillance program in order to
2 facilitate the seizure of covered controlled substances.

3 “(c) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.— A grant awarded under
4 this section shall be used for a program, project, or other
5 activity to—

6 “(1) reimburse a State, local, or other forensic
7 science laboratory for costs associated with testing
8 to help address any backlog of untested samples of
9 covered controlled substances;

10 “(2) reimburse a State, local, or other forensic
11 science laboratory for the procurement of equipment,
12 technology, or other support systems;

13 “(3) reimburse State, local, or other forensic
14 science laboratory for improved, real time data ex-
15 change with the Centers for Disease Control and
16 Prevention on covered controlled substances; and

17 “(4) support a State or local health depart-
18 ments deployed to address the use of covered con-
19 trolled substances.

20 “(d) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—A program,
21 project, or other activity pursuant to subsection (c)(2)
22 shall require that the State, unit of local government, or
23 Tribe demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Attorney
24 General, that any reimbursement would result in improved

1 efficiency of laboratory testing and help prevent future
2 backlogs.

3 “(e) ALLOCATION.—

4 “(1) POPULATION ALLOCATION.—Seventy-five
5 percent of the amount made available to carry out
6 this section in a fiscal year shall be allocated to each
7 State or unit of local government that meets the re-
8 quirements of section 2802 so that each State or
9 unit of local government shall receive an amount
10 that bears the same ratio to the 75 percent of the
11 total amount made available to carry out this section
12 for that fiscal year as the population of the State or
13 unit of local government bears to the population of
14 all States or units of local governments.

15 “(2) DISCRETIONARY ALLOCATION.—Twenty-
16 five percent of the amount made available to carry
17 out this section in a fiscal year shall be allocated
18 pursuant to the discretion of the Attorney General
19 for competitive grants to States or units of local gov-
20 ernment with high rates of primary treatment ad-
21 missions for polysubstance use, including for covered
22 controlled substances, for use by State, local, or
23 Tribal law enforcement agencies.

24 “(3) LIMITATION.—Not less than 60 percent of
25 any amounts made available to carry out this section

1 shall be awarded for a program, project, or other ac-
2 tivity under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (c).

3 “(4) MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.—Notwith-
4 standing paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), each State re-
5 ceiving funds shall not receive less than 0.6 percent
6 of the amount made available to carry out this sec-
7 tion in each fiscal year.

8 “(f) COVERED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE DE-
9 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘covered controlled sub-
10 stance’ means heroin, fentanyl, a fentanyl-related sub-
11 stance, and any associated synthetic drug.”.

