

Working to Keep Communities Safe

“All Americans have the right to feel safe in their homes, neighborhoods and communities. I’ll continue to do all I can to help Maryland’s families stay safe.”

As the senior Democrat on the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator Mikulski and is fighting to get Maryland communities the support they need to keep their streets and neighborhoods safe.

Fighting Youth Violence

Senator Mikulski is committed to helping communities find ways to combat youth violence:

- Created a statewide anti-gang initiative in Maryland, which:
 - Coordinates the anti-gang prevention and intervention efforts of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.
 - Supports existing, effective anti-gang programs.
 - Allows for increased prosecutions of gangs and gang-related crimes.
- Secured funding for the Maryland Joint County Gang Suppression and Prevention Initiative in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties which supports anti-gang efforts, including:
 - Community-based mentoring.
 - Outreach services in schools, neighborhoods and communities.
- Fought for federal support for the Langley Park Latin American Youth Center so they could continue to offer:
 - Career training programs.
 - Drug prevention and mentoring.
 - After school programs.
- Fighting to secure \$300 million for juvenile justice programs.

Keeping our Children Safe

Senator Mikulski is fighting for federal funding to track down and prosecute child predators, including:

- \$50.5 million for the Missing Children Program, which targets and prosecutes child molesters and pornographers through the:
 - Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.
 - AMBER Alert system.
 - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
- \$55 million for state and local governments to locate, arrest and prosecute sexual predators.
- \$16.5 million for U.S. Marshals to track down unregistered sex offenders living in our communities.
- \$14 million for the FBI Innocent Images Program to target cyber predators.

Protecting Our Neighborhoods

Senator Mikulski is fighting to keep communities safe:

- Securing increased resources to combat the nation's growing methamphetamine problem.
- Cosponsored the Brady Bill which keeps guns out of the hands of criminals.
- Fought for Safe and Drug Free Schools to combat violence and drug abuse in Maryland's schools.

Providing Resources to Local Law Enforcement

Senator Mikulski is working with federal partners for increased investments in law enforcement programs, including:

- Fighting to restore funding for equipment and training for our front-line first responders to prepare for and respond to emergencies
- Working to secure increased federal funding to support local law enforcement agencies through Byrne Justice Assistance grants.
- Fought for the Community Oriented Policing Program (COPS), which brought new police officers to neighborhood beats:
 - Over 2,460 new police officers on the beat in Maryland since 1994.