

I support this bill, especially public reporting of actions around obtaining these military grade equipment. Limiting agencies to having to use local funds if they wish to obtain military surplus equipment is a direction I support - if agencies truly have the need, they will need to budget for it in advance as a necessity. Federal programs that make it easier for local departments to use military surplus are part of a larger system of overspending in military that is simply a waste of public resources - especially when I see other sectors (like my own: public health) so severely and chronically underfunded. Our communities do not benefit from over militarization - and I certainly do not feel safer hearing helicopters or seeing overly armed officers.