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Crime - Ounce of Prevention
Bill Council

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SUBJECT: Coordination of Prevention Provisions in the Violent
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We remain concerned that the coordination approach being taken for the youth pieces of the bill will not do the job. It appears that it would still necessitate separate applications to each department, or at least, separate grantmaking based on some kind of "menu" application. This will be enormously cumbersome. We still do not understand the reluctance to create an option to consolidate funding, and we question the conclusion that the Hill would not buy a partial consolidation option, without trying to sell it to the members involved. At a minimum, allowing partial pooling of some YES, some Ounce of Prevention, and some Model Intensive Grant funds requires assent from a limited number of members. We should explore it.

This is an enormous opportunity and we are concerned that we are going to surrender it without pursuing it further. We have attached a slightly amended version of our proposed language which we think addresses these concerns without mandating anything that could cause problems on the Hill.

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Proposed Prevention Consolidation Language
(Page Numbers from Bill as Reported out of Committee)

TITLE X, SUBTITLE B, PART I -- THE OUNCE OF PREVENTION
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Page 116, line 23, insert following "conditions", "(d) FEDERAL PROGRAM COORDINATION.--(1) All programs administered by the Ounce of Prevention Council shall be administered in coordination with other relevant programs".

"(2) All other programs related to youth development and youth crime prevention in this bill shall be administered in coordination and collaboration with Ounce of Prevention Council programs. In order to maximize the impact of these programs and simplify the grantmaking process, the Ounce of Prevention Council is authorized to consult with and be consulted by other federal agencies with an interest in youth development and youth crime prevention programs."

"(3) (a) The Ounce of Prevention Council is authorized to enter into Memoranda of Understanding and Cooperative Agreements with other federal agencies to collaborate and jointly fund youth development and youth crime prevention programs, including such programs authorized in this bill.

(b) Federal agencies administering youth development and youth crime prevention programs are authorized to enter into Memoranda of Understanding and Cooperative Agreements with the Ounce of Prevention Council regarding such programs."

"(4) In making grants the Ounce of Prevention Council shall take into account a community's status as an empowerment zone or an enterprise community."