

## Homeland Security

Protecting our nation begins with smart policies that address threats before they materialize &ndash; whether it&rsquo;s high-tech inspections of the cargo coming into our ports or stopping the spread of weapons of mass destruction so they don&rsquo;t get into the wrong hands in the first place.

And, should the unthinkable happen again, we have to ensure our first responders are prepared. Part of this means taking advantage of the tools developed at Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories. I have worked to cut through the bureaucracy and streamline our homeland security measures, including writing the section of the Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 which created a lead official in the White House responsible for coordinating the fight against weapons of mass destruction. I am also proud to have worked hard to increase funding for homeland security grants that protect our communities.

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