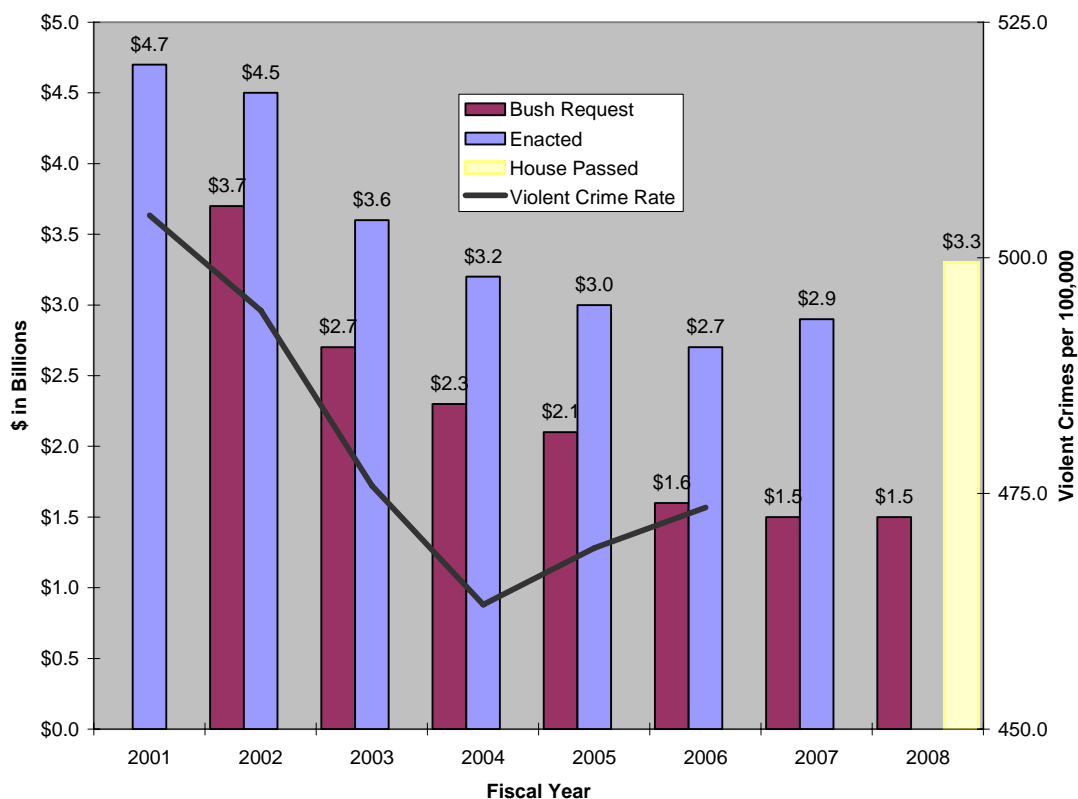


Law Enforcement Funding Down, Crime Up

The President's budget would continue the trend of cutting support for state and local law enforcement even as the latest FBI statistics show violent crimes are on the rise.

- **Under the Clinton Administration, the violent crime rate fell steadily.** Between 1993 and 2000, the number of violent crimes dropped by 26 percent.
- **From 2001 to 2006 the President and the former Majority cut \$2 billion from state and local law enforcement grants** (COPS, Justice Assistance, Juvenile Justice and Violence Against Women) – a 43% cut.
- Last year the FBI reported that **violent crime was on the rise** for the first time in a decade. In 2005, the violent crime rate increased from 463 crimes per 100,000 to 469. In 2006 it rose to 473. For example, there were 46,000 more robberies in 2006 than in 2004.
- In January, after Republicans left for the year without enacting the Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill, Democrats were left to complete that bill and 8 other appropriations bills in a joint funding resolution passed in January. That **bill restored \$200 million in cuts** from previous years.
- This year, the **President proposed cutting state and local law enforcement by \$1.4 billion.**
- The **House bill rejected those cuts** investing \$3.3 billion in these proven programs.

State and Local Law Enforcement Funding FY 2001 to FY 2008



Now is not the time to cut funding that keeps our communities safe.