Countering Threats and Attacks on Our Judges Act

The Countering Threats and Attacks on Our Judges Act (S. 3984 / H.R. 8093) — led by Senators John Cornyn (R-TX), Chris Coons (D-DE), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), and Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) and Michael McCaul (R-TX) — is a vital step in increasing the protection of our judges and the integrity of our judicial system. The bill will establish a State Judicial Threat Intelligence and Resource Center to provide technical assistance, training, and monitoring of threats for state and local judges and court personnel.

Bill Summary

The bill creates a State Judicial Threat Intelligence and Resource Center that will:

1. provide technical assistance to state and local judges and court personnel around judicial security;
2. provide physical security assessments for courts, homes, and other facilities where judicial officers and staff conduct court-related business;
3. coordinate research to identify, examine, and advance best practices around judicial security; and
4. be housed within the existing State Justice Institute, a private non-profit and non-partisan corporation established by Congress in 1984.

Supporting Organizations

- Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ)
- Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA)
- Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal (CCJSCA)
- All Rise
- National Association for Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers (NAPCO)
- National Association for Court Management (NACM)
- American Judges Association (AJA)
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)
- National Center for State Courts (NCSC)
- National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)