June 28, 2018

Honorable Michael McCaul
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed the following pieces of legislation that were passed by the House of Representatives on June 19, 2018:

- H.R. 4991, the Supporting Research and Development for First Responders Act;
- H.R. 4627, the Shielding Public Spaces from Vehicular Terrorism Act; and

H.R. 4991 would codify programs that currently exist at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). H.R. 4627 would confirm the authority of DHS to establish a task force to disrupt drug trafficking, and H.R. 5762 would clarify the scope of the department’s research and development program.

CBO estimates that enacting these pieces of legislation would not significantly affect DHS spending. Because the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting the acts would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.
None of the acts contain intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

Keith Hall
Director

cc: Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
    Ranking Member