WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Kevin McCarthy co-sponsored H.R. 638, The Violent Crime Reduction Act of 2007, which would combine and coordinate Federal, State, and local efforts to combat gangs.

“As gangs terrorize our communities and threaten our peace of mind, we need to reassess our efforts to combat these thugs,” said Congressman McCarthy. “This bill combines Federal, State, and local efforts and resources to reinvigorate our attack on violent gang activity.”

The Violent Crime Reduction Act of 2007 would join Federal resources with local intelligence in order to target the most serious gangs in a community. Additionally, the bill promotes better cohesion among Federal, State and local law enforcement. Specifically, H.R. 638 would create High Intensity Interstate Gang Activity Areas, develop a national means by which to share gang intelligence among Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies, and authorize funding to help states hire prosecutors, purchase technology and equipment, and train law enforcement to combat gangs.

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