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The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman, Committee on
Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member, Committee on
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Mike D. Rogers
Chairman, Committee on
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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member, Committee on
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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Wicker, Chairman Rogers, Senator Reed, and Congressman Smith:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, representing more than 300,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers and executives, we are writing to advise you of our strong support for the bipartisan “Law Enforcement and Crime Victims Support Package,” an amendment the Senate unanimously approved to the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This amendment reflects priorities for the law enforcement community, and we therefore respectfully urge you to support maintaining its inclusion in the final NDAA.

The “Law Enforcement and Crime Victims Support Package” incorporates eight bipartisan standalone measures that were unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee during this year’s National Police Week. These bills are:

- “Protecting First Responders from Secondary Exposure Act,” to enable state and local law enforcement to access containment devices to prevent exposure to fentanyl and other deadly substances;
- “Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act,” to amend the Public Safety Officers’ Benefit (PSOB) Program to ensure equal access to benefits for the families of officers who die of exposure-related cancers;

- “Reauthorizing Support and Treatment for Officers in Crisis (STOIC) Act,” which would extend a critical 2019 law and continue federal support for officers and their families to access mental health and wellness services;
- “PROTECT Our Children Reauthorization Act,” to extend the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force program and help protect children from web-based sexual exploitation;
- “Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act,” which has already passed the Senate by unanimous consent and will ensure that the families of retired law enforcement officers targeted by criminals for violence due to their former service are eligible for PSOB benefits;
- “Strong Communities Act,” to enhance the recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers who will work in the communities in which they live;
- “Retired LEO Continuing Service Act,” to enable state and local agencies to hire retired officers to provide investigative, training, and support services; and
- “Improving Police CARE Act,” which also passed the Senate by unanimous consent and will help save lives by establishing consistent standards for law enforcement trauma kits.

The “Law Enforcement and Crime Victims Support Package” will enhance officer safety, preserve critical resources for officer mental health and wellness programs, enhance law enforcement’s ability to crack down on those who use the internet to prey on our nation’s children, and support efforts to strengthen officer recruitment and retention. Federal, state and local law enforcement play a significant role in our nation’s security, and this gives them the tools to effectively protect our communities. We respectfully request your support for maintaining the “Law Enforcement and Crime Victims Support Package” in this year’s NDAA and stand ready to work with you to ensure this important package is signed into law.

Sincerely,

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies
 Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association
 Major Cities Chiefs Association
 Major County Sheriffs of America
 National Association of Police Organizations
 National District Attorneys Association
 National Narcotic Officers’ Associations’ Coalition
 National Sheriffs Association
 Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD

Cc: The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
 The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
 The Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate
 The Honorable Charles Schumer, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate