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Washington, DC 20515

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The Fullerton Police Officers Association, on behalf of the dedicated personnel of the Fullerton Police Department in California, extends its steadfast support for H.R. 5798.

Last year, the D.C. City Council enacted the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, which significantly undermined the operational effectiveness of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). Key provisions of this legislation eliminated essential collective bargaining and due process rights for police officers, leading to detrimental outcomes.

Observations from nationwide have consistently indicated that legislation of this nature has adversely affected law enforcement agencies, undermining their ability to uphold public safety. The ramifications include a pronounced departure of experienced officers and a consequential spike in crime rates. Regrettably, the District of Columbia is experiencing a similar trajectory, marked by an alarming increase in officer resignations coupled with a surge in criminal activities, compromising the security of its residents, workforce, and visitors.

H.R. 5798 is a critical legislative proposal designed to rectify these grave concerns and restore safety and order in Washington, D.C. The enactment of H.R. 5798 is crucial for reversing the adverse impacts engendered by the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 and for reestablishing a stable and secure environment in our nation's capital.

We, therefore, implore each member of the House of Representatives to lend their robust support to H.R. 5798. Your endorsement of this bill is essential for combating the surge in violent crime and ensuring the operational stability of the Metropolitan Police Department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SF", is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

Scott Flynn, President
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