



# Las Vegas Police Protective Association Metro, Inc.

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Las Vegas Police Protective Association, representing the dedicated members of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, expresses our FULL SUPPORT for H.R. 5798. This legislative measure is critically important in addressing the significant challenges facing the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in Washington, D.C.

We have observed with concern the enactment of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 by the D.C. City Council. This act has notably undermined the operational effectiveness of the MPD. Key provisions of the act, especially those that abolish fundamental collective bargaining and due process rights for officers, have led to detrimental outcomes in our Nation's Capital.

The consequences of these changes are alarming. There has been a significant departure of experienced police officers from the force, coupled with an increase in violent crime. The District of Columbia is now grappling with these issues, marked by a surge in violent crimes and the lowest staffing levels in the MPD in the past 50 years.

We strongly urge the Nevada Congressional Delegation and each member of the House of Representatives to support H.R. 5798.

Respectfully,

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