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The Pomona Police Officers Association, representing the committed members of the Pomona Police Department in California, hereby expresses our unwavering support for H.R. 5798. This legislative act is crucial in addressing the significant challenges facing the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in Washington, D.C.

The enactment of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 by the D.C. City Council has notably compromised the MPD's operational capacity. Critical aspects of the act, particularly those abolishing fundamental collective bargaining and due process rights for officers, have precipitated adverse effects.

This has led to a notable exodus of seasoned police officers and a corresponding rise in criminal activity. The District of Columbia is now experiencing these challenges firsthand, with the uptick in violent crime and the lowest MPD staffing levels in 50 years.

H.R. 5798 presents an essential solution to address these pressing issues and reinstate a climate of safety and security in the nation's capital. The passage of this bill is imperative to counteract the adverse effects introduced by the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, ensuring a return to stability and safety for Washington, D.C.

We call upon each member of the House of Representatives to provide their support for H.R. 5798. Your backing of this legislation is vital in the fight against the rising wave of violent crime and in bringing stability back to the Metropolitan Police Department.

Respectfully,

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