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Chairman James Comer
United States House Oversight Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Jamie Raskin
United States House Oversight Committee
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Re: SUPPORT- H.R. 5798- Protect Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act of 2023

The San Jose Police Officers Association, part of the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations, writes to express our unequivocal support for H.R. 5798 - Protect Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act of 2023.

H.R. 5798 sets to undue the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Amendment Act of 2022, a local D.C. enacted law that undermined the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) by stripping away critical collective bargaining rights and due process protections for police officers. This decision led to a mass exodus of MPD police officers and a spike in violent crime in our Nation's Capital.

The 2023 District of Columbia Crime Statistics speak for themselves:

- Violent Crime was UP 39%.
- Robberies was UP 67%.
- Motor Vehicle Theft was UP 82%.
- A total of 958 carjackings, with firearms involved in 77% of these incidents.

We urge you and your fellow members of the House of Representatives to support H.R. 5798. This support is vital for the safety and security of our Nation's capital and the dedicated officers of the MPD, who deserve a working environment where their rights and due processes are respected. H.R. 5798 will address the surge in violent crime and restore stability and effectiveness within the Metropolitan Police Department.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

We look forward to your support and leadership in ensuring the passage of H.R. 5798.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Slack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Slack, President
San Jose Police Officers Association