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The Honorable James Comer
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Accountability
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Comer:

On behalf of the D.C. Police Union, representing 3,000 dedicated officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 5107, the CLEAN D.C. Act. This critical legislation, introduced by Congressman Andrew Clyde, aims to repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act (CPJRAA), a misguided and harmful law that has severely undermined public safety in our Nation's Capital since its enactment.

For over five years, our Union has relentlessly opposed the CPJRAA, which was first introduced in the D.C. Council in 2020 as emergency legislation. This act strips officers of essential due process rights, undermines collective bargaining, limits non-lethal tools during civil unrest, and has fueled a devastating staffing crisis. Since its passage, MPD has lost over 2,000 officers through resignations and retirements, leaving our force critically understaffed and unable to adequately protect vulnerable communities or respond to emergencies.

In 2023, Congress demonstrated bipartisan resolve by passing H.J. Res. 42 to disapprove this law after Mayor Bowser's veto was overridden by the Council. The resolution cleared the House by a vote of 229-189 and the Senate by 56-43. Unfortunately, President Biden's veto allowed this pro-criminal policy to become permanent, exacerbating crime surges across the District. Homicides, assaults, carjackings, and other violent crimes have skyrocketed, stretching our officers thin and leaving residents without the protection they deserve.

On August 11, 2025, President Trump announced a federal takeover of the Metropolitan Police Department and deployed National Guard troops to combat the escalating crime crisis. Since this intervention, we have observed significant reductions in crime, including a 30% drop in overall crime rates. The repeal of the CPJRAA through H.R. 5107 will solidify these positive developments and restore common-sense law enforcement in Washington, D.C.

The CLEAN D.C. Act represents a vital step toward prioritizing public safety over failed policies that enable lawlessness and endanger officers and their families. We urge the Committee on Oversight and Accountability to advance this bill swiftly and call on all members of Congress to

pass it with the same bipartisan support shown in 2023. Our city cannot afford another day of this dangerous experiment.

The D.C. Police Union remains committed to working with you and other lawmakers on solutions that ensure safety for all who live, work, and visit Washington, D.C. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide any additional information or assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Pemberton', is written over a horizontal line.

Gregory Pemberton
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