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The Honorable Don Bacon
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bacon:

I am writing on behalf of the more than 13,000 members of the Sergeants Benevolent Association of the New York City Police Department to advise you of our continued strong support for the "LEOSA Reform Act." This legislation, which passed the House with bipartisan support in 2024 during National Police Week, will make significant improvements to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (LEOSA). We greatly appreciate your leadership and for working with us and others in the law enforcement community on this effort.

When Congress passed LEOSA in 2004, its intent was clear: to enhance public safety by allowing active and qualified retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms throughout the United States. Over the past 20 years, however, several issues with the law have limited its proper implementation at the federal, state, and local level. Some states have also taken legislative and regulatory actions in an effort to alter or water down key provisions of the law or to limit its application. These actions, coupled with vagaries in the statute itself, have resulted in nearly the same patchwork of laws and regulations that LEOSA was originally intended to address.

Your legislation will make necessary changes to effectuate Congress' original intent when it passed LEOSA in 2004. Specifically, it will address several unintended restrictions that have effectively limited the ability of active and retired officers to carry their firearms. This includes resolving the federal Gun Free School Zone Act conflict; removing the limitation on the size of ammunition magazines; authorizing LEOSA-certified officers to carry in National Parks, property open to the public, and common carriers such as Amtrak; and providing additional options for qualified retired officers to meet LEOSA's qualification and certification requirements. With these changes to the law, your legislation will further enhance the ability of active and retired officers to protect public safety.

On behalf of the membership of the Sergeants Benevolent Association, thank you again for your leadership on this important legislation. We look forward to working with you to see it swiftly enacted into law. Please do not hesitate to contact our Washington Representatives Andrew Siff, Chris Granberg, and Robert Simpson at (202) 457 – 7756 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Vincent J. Vallelong
President