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The Honorable James D. Jordan
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jamin B. Raskin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Representative Raskin,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our strong support for H.R. 2243, the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) Reform Act," and to urge the Committee to favorably report it.

The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA), enacted 20 years ago, exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and State prohibitions on the carriage of concealed firearms. This legislation amends existing law to ensure that officers can carry in the same venues as civilian concealed carry permit holders. The bill also extends the exemption to magazine capacity and would allow active and retired law enforcement officers to access services in U.S. Post Offices, Social Security Administration offices, Veterans Affairs offices, and other Federal facilities without disarming or securing their firearms elsewhere. It would also allow States to decide to extend the period between training certifications for qualified retired law enforcement officers from 12 months to 36 months.

To be clear, this legislation would not increase the number of officers who carry firearms under the current LEOSA statute. It does, however, remove conflict and confusion from current State and Federal laws while closing existing loopholes to prevent any officer from inadvertently putting themselves in legal jeopardy.

On behalf of the more than 377,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I ask that the Members of the Committee favorably report this bill. We look forward to working with Committee staff to get this bill considered and once again passed by the House. If I can provide any additional information or support for this effort, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

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