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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin,

On behalf of the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA), the oldest and largest association representing Hispanic law enforcement executives and command officers in the United States, we write to express our strong support for HR 2189 the ***“Law Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act.”***

HAPCOA has long championed responsible and effective policing strategies that promote safety, reduce unnecessary harm, and build trust within the diverse communities we serve. This bipartisan legislation aligns directly with our mission by ensuring law enforcement officers have access to the most modern, less-than-lethal technologies, tools that can make the critical difference between life and death during high-stress encounters.

We believe this legislation provides the clearest and most consistent path to modernizing our federal definitions in a way that supports both safety and public trust. We urge the committee to move swiftly in advancing HR 2189 the ***“Law Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act”*** for full consideration by the House. Should you have any questions or need further input from HAPCOA, we remain at your service.

Sincerely,

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