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The Honorable Nikki Budzinski
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Budzinski,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to thank you for your vote to pass H.R. 354, the "LEOSA Reform Act," during National Police Week.

This is an officer safety bill and a priority for the FOP. The legislation would not increase the number of officers who carry firearms under the current LEOSA statute but would prevent officers from inadvertently putting themselves in legal jeopardy.

This bill will clarify that the original statute allows qualified active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms in the same venues as civilian concealed carry permit holders. The bill also extends the exemption to magazine capacity and would allow qualified active and retired law enforcement officers to access services in U.S. Post Offices, Social Security Administration offices, Veteran Affairs offices, and other Federal facilities without disarming or securing their firearm 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. This legislation will help keep qualified active and retired officers safe, and we offer our sincerest thanks for your vote in favor of this legislation.

On behalf of the more than 373,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, thank you for your continued support for our nation's law enforcement officers. If I can provide additional information about this legislation or the LEOSA statute, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C., office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes
National President

cc: Chris Southwood, President, Illinois State Lodge
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