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The Honorable Christopher H. Smith
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to ask you to cosponsor H.R. 1210, the "LEOSA Reform Act."

The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) 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 are able to 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 affirmatively act to extend the period between training certifications for qualified retired law enforcement officers from 12 months up to 36 months.

To be clear, this piece of legislation *would not increase* the number of officers who carry firearms under the current LEOSA statute. It simply harmonizes current State and Federal laws and closes existing loopholes to prevent any officer from inadvertently putting themselves in legal jeopardy.

On behalf of the more than 364,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you for considering the FOP's request to cosponsor H.R. 1210. I have attached a section-by-section analysis of the bill and, if I can provide any additional information about this bill, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes
National President