

August 28, 2025

The Honorable John Thune Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker Chairman, Committee on Armed Services United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Chuck Schumer Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed Ranking Member, Committee on Armed Services United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Chairman Wicker, and Senator Reed:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, representing more than 300,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers and executives, we are writing to advise you of our strong support for the bipartisan S. Amdt. 3272, the "Law Enforcement and Crime Victims Support Package," to the FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This amendment reflects priorities for the law enforcement community, and we therefore respectfully request your support for its inclusion in this year's NDAA.

S. Amdt. 3272 incorporates eight bipartisan standalone measures that were unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee during this year's National Police Week. These bills are:

- S. 180, "Protecting First Responders from Secondary Exposure Act," to enable state and local law enforcement to access containment devices to prevent exposure to fentanyl and other deadly substances;
- S. 237, "Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act," to amend the Public Safety Officers' Benefit (PSOB) Program to ensure equal access to benefits for the families of officers who die of exposure-related cancers;
- S. 419, "Reauthorizing Support and Treatment for Officers in Crisis (STOIC) Act," which would extend a critical 2019 law and continue federal support for officers and their families to access mental health and wellness services;

- S. 539, "PROTECT Our Children Reauthorization Act," to extend the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force program and help protect children from web-based sexual exploitation;
- S. 911, "Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act," which has already passed the Senate by unanimous consent and will ensure that the families of retired law enforcement officers targeted by criminals for violence due to their former service are eligible for PSOB benefits;
- S. 1316, "Strong Communities Act," to enhance the recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers who will work in the communities in which they live;
- S. 1563, "Retired LEO Continuing Service Act," to enable state and local agencies to hire retired officers to provide investigative, training, and support services; and
- S. 1595, "Improving Police CARE Act," which also passed the Senate by unanimous consent and will help save lives by establishing consistent standards for law enforcement trauma kits.

These bills will enhance officer safety, preserve critical resources for officer mental health and wellness programs, enhance law enforcement's ability to crack down on those who use the Internet to prey on our nation's children, and support efforts to strengthen officer recruitment and retention. We again respectfully request your support for including S. Amdt. 3272 in this year's NDAA, and stand ready to work with you to ensure this important package is signed into law.

Sincerely,

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Major Cities Chiefs Association Major County Sheriffs of America National Association of Police Organizations National District Attorneys Association National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition National Sheriffs' Association Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD

CC: Hon. Chuck Grassley, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate Hon. Richard Durbin, Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate Members, Committee on Armed Services, U.S. Senate