

# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



August 14, 2025

The Honorable Chip Roy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
103 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Roy:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), representing 3,081 sheriffs and over 20,000 public safety professionals - including deputies, chiefs of police, and other law enforcement officials across the United States – we write to support the Equal Sentencing Enhancement Act of 2025.

This important legislation takes a decisive step toward eliminating the longstanding disparity between crack and powder cocaine sentencing by raising the base penalties for powder cocaine to match those of crack cocaine.

This approach recognizes the significant public safety threat posed by cocaine trafficking in all forms. Research shows that crack cocaine traffickers have among the highest recidivism rates nearly 60% are rearrested within just a few years of release. By aligning penalties, your bill ensures that the justice system treats both forms of cocaine with the seriousness they deserve, deterring trafficking activity and protecting communities from the devastating impacts of drug crime.

We commend your leadership on this issue and look forward to working together to see this measure enacted.

Sincerely,

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Sheriff Chris West  
Canadian County, OK  
President  
National Sheriffs' Association

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Jonathan Thompson  
Executive Director, CEO  
National Sheriffs' Association