

NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



January 28, 2025

The Honorable Tom Tillis
U.S. Senate
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tillis:

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 Protect and Serve Act.

Law enforcement officers face growing challenges and risks, often targeted simply for wearing the badge. It is imperative that we provide every available tool to prosecute individuals who commit such acts of violence, ensuring that those who jeopardize the safety of our protectors are held accountable. The Protect and Serve Act delivers this much-needed support and reassurance to our law enforcement community.

This critical legislation aims to deliver justice for those who intentionally target law enforcement officers with violence. By creating a new federal offense for deliberately assaulting officers and causing or attempting to cause serious bodily harm, it equips federal prosecutors with the necessary tools to hold offenders accountable and deter these serious crimes.

The legislation sends a clear message that violence against law enforcement will not be tolerated. These measures are not only essential to upholding justice but also to demonstrating unwavering support for those who risk their lives daily to protect our communities.

We thank you for your leadership on this critical issue and stand ready to support all efforts to advance this vital legislation reinforcing our nation's commitment to safeguarding the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting us all.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Sheriff Kieran Donahue, written in a cursive style.

Sheriff Kieran Donahue
Canyon County, Idaho
President
National Sheriffs' Association

A blue ink signature of Jonathan Thompson, written in a cursive style.

Jonathan Thompson
Executive Director, CEO
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