NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



January 21, 2025

The Honorable Jim Banks U.S. Senate B85 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20002

Dear Senator Banks:

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 Qualified Immunity Act of 2025.

This important legislation ensures that law enforcement officers can carry out their responsibilities effectively and with confidence, free from the constant threat of unwarranted lawsuits. By safeguarding officers who act in good faith, the bill strikes a crucial balance between accountability and the practical realities of public safety work. These measures are essential for enabling officers to make quick, necessary decisions in the field without hesitation or fear of litigation that may undermine their ability to protect communities.

The National Sheriffs' Association fully supports the preservation of qualified immunity as a critical tool to empower law enforcement while ensuring fairness and accountability. We applaud your leadership on this issue and stand ready to assist in advancing this legislation.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Kieran Donahue Canyon County, Idaho

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