



# NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

January 10, 2025

The Honorable David Kustoff  
United States House of Representatives  
560 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kustoff:

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 Preserving Safe Communities by Ending Swatting Act of 2025.

This important legislation clearly defines the crime of swatting and addresses its harmful impact. We commend the bill's inclusion of a federal civil claim, enabling parties to recover costs associated with emergency responses or investigations resulting from these malicious incidents.

This serious initiative addresses a troubling surge in criminal activity that transcends county and state lines. Criminals are exploiting online resources to jeopardize the safety of civilians, as well as the lives of our dedicated deputy sheriffs and other first responders. These swatting incidents not only waste critical emergency resources but also pose significant risks to public safety, often targeting individuals based on political ideology. Congress must act swiftly to pass this legislation and protect communities from the devastating consequences of these dangerous acts.

The NSA stands ready to support all efforts to advance this legislation as quickly as possible.

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  
National Sheriffs' Association