

July 13, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell,

On behalf of the undersigned federal, state, and local law enforcement and correctional organizations and mental health organizations, we write to advise you of our support of the Public Safety Officer Support Act. We respectfully request that you expeditiously take up and pass the House bill, H.R. 6943, which was passed on May 18 by a vote of 402-17, or the version that was unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 26, S. 3635, without amendment.

Every year, the law enforcement community comes together around a set of legislative priorities that support our nation's law enforcement in honor of National Police Week. The Public Safety Officer Support Act is one of those bills. This bill represents an extremely important step in addressing the heavy toll that frequent stress and exposure to trauma have on our nation's law enforcement and other public safety officers. It is a bill that has the support of the law enforcement and mental health communities and reflects significant input from the Justice Department, which also supports the bill.

Although National Police Week has passed, we must continue to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty as well as those who continue to serve and protect our communities and their families. We urge you to bring the Public Safety Officer Support Act, as passed by the House or as approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, up for a vote as soon as practicable and complete the work that was started during National Police Week.

Sincerely,

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
American Psychological Association  
Blue H.E.L.P.  
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association  
Major County Sheriffs of America  
National Association of Police Organizations  
National Border Patrol Council

National District Attorneys Association  
National Narcotics Officers' Associations'  
Coalition  
National Prison Council  
National Sheriffs Association  
Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD  
The Wounded Blue

Cc: The Honorable Richard Durbin, Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
The Honorable Charles Grassley, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on the Judiciary