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The Honorable John L. Ratcliffe
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Ratcliffe,

I am writing on behalf of the members of Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for your bill, H.R. 1616, the “Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act.”

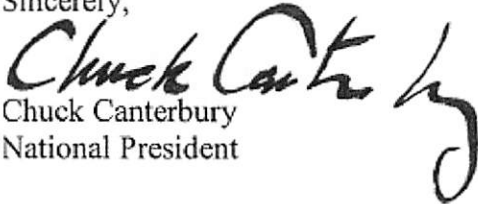
The legislation you have introduced will help State and local law enforcement fight and solve crimes. Twenty-first century crimes need 21st century crime fighting solutions for law enforcement to do their jobs. Many times, when gathering evidence for a crime the evidence that can help solve the case is in digital form. This digital evidence can come in the form of emails, purchases made online, or even a geolocation that can place a person of interest at the scene of the crime.

The authorization of our nation’s premier cyber-crime training center, the National Computer Forensics Institute, is incredibly important to stopping and solving crimes in the 21st Century. They have trained officials in all 50 states that represent over 2,000 agencies across the country.

To fight crime in and protect the people of our communities across the country law enforcement doesn’t just need to be well equipped with physical equipment, but also with digital equipment to solve these 21st century crimes.

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to offer you and your legislation our support. If we can be of any additional assistance on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,



Chuck Canterbury
National President

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