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The Honorable William J. Pascrell, Jr. U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John H. Rutherford U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representatives Pascrell and Rutherford,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for your bill, H.R. 1865, the "National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act."

The National Law Enforcement Museum was built to honor the extraordinary service and sacrifice of our nation's law enforcement officers and to serve as a bridge between law enforcement's past and present to commemorate the heroes of today and of days gone by.

The National Law Enforcement Museum also serves another, perhaps even more important purpose, which is to help strengthen the vital relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Since its opening last year, the National Museum has provided a platform for thoughtful discussion and interactive educational programs to the visiting public, giving them the opportunity to "walk in the shoes of an officer" and learn about the challenges our brave men and women face in their communities.

In order to support the exhibits and programs offered by the National Museum, your bill will direct the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in three different denominations with a design "emblematic of the National Law Enforcement Museum and the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers throughout the history of the United States." Some of the proceeds from the sale of the coins will go to the non-profit National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) which supports the National Museum's exhibits as well as its educational and outreach programs at no cost to the taxpayer.

On behalf of the more than 345,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, we appreciate your support for law enforcement and the National Law Enforcement Museum. We look forward to working with you to advance this bill. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Executive Director, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

Chuck Canterbury National President