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The Honorable Conor J. Lamb
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lamb,

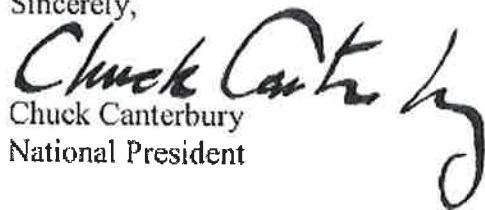
I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for your bill, H.R. 2179, the “Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act.”

According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), more than 31,500 firearms have been stolen from Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) in burglaries and robberies over the last five years—more than 8,000 in 2017 alone.

These stolen firearms invariably turn up in other crimes and present a real danger to public safety. Your legislation would make these thefts a Federal offense punishable by up to 20 years in prison. This is a significant reinforcement of Federal law which will help deter these crimes and ensure those convicted of these crimes face the possibility of a long prison sentence.

On behalf of the more than 348,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, we thank you for your leadership on this issue. If I can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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