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The Honorable Eleanor Norton Holmes
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter T. King
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Delegate Holmes and Representative King,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 2849, the “Department of the U.S. Treasury Officer Protection Act,” which will allow law enforcement officers employed by the U.S. Department of Treasury to carry and store their service weapon in their place of residence when off duty.

A law enforcement officer is never off duty and is always a target when in uniform. The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) was enacted to protect off duty and retired law enforcement officers. This statute provides qualified active and retired law enforcement an exemption from State and local laws restrictions on the carriage of firearms but does not apply to facilities or areas governed by Federal law. Federal law enforcement officers, like those at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, may still find themselves in physical jeopardy, without the means of protecting themselves, when commuting to and from work because their personal firearms are not permitted at their Federal workplace.

The Bureau of Prison faced similar circumstances of law enforcement in harms way due mistakes and gaps in the law, in response Congress rightly passed the Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act. We believe your approach to allow these officers commute with their firearms is both efficient, safer and financially less burdensome on the law enforcement officers just as LEOSA intended.

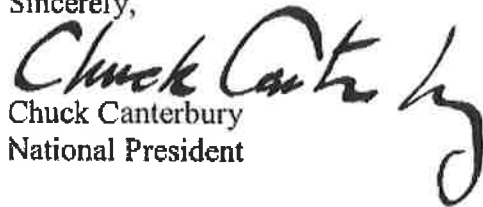
When a member of the law enforcement community clocks out for the day, criminals continue to hurt their community that’s why we always need law enforcement to stay safe and prepared. It is more important now than ever with our data showing more than 120 officers being shot so far in 2019. It is crucial that law enforcement have the ability to protect themselves and loved ones even after their shift concludes.

—BUILDING ON A PROUD TRADITION—

We are grateful to you both for offering this legislation. The men and women who represent the Federal law enforcement community deserve to be protected, as they protect us every day, and your leadership on this matter is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the more than 348,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you again for supporting law enforcement and helping ensure their protection. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Canterbury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "C" at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that loops back under the name.

Chuck Canterbury
National President