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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy P. Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker and Representative Pelosi,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 3249, the “Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act,” as amended by the Senate. The bill passed the Senate last week by unanimous consent and we urge the House to bring the bill to the floor, pass it and send it to the President’s desk.

The Fraternal Order of Police is a strong and long-time supporter of the Project Safe Neighborhoods program and we welcomed the decision of Attorney General Sessions to “rejuvenate” the program. The Justice Department’s Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative was a very successful joint effort between local and State law enforcement, working in close cooperation with Federal prosecutors to target violent criminals—those who use firearms to commit crimes and those who belong to criminal gangs. It was an essential part of reducing firearms and other violent crime in our country. However, in recent years, it has not been given the resources law enforcement needs to get the “worst of the worst” off our streets. We believe our nation as a whole will be safer with Project Safe Neighborhoods authorized and fully funded.

On behalf of the more than 335,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, thank you for your continued leadership and support. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
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