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The Honorable Steven D. Russell  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Russell,

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. 3790, the "Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act."

According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), there has been a 48% increase in the number of burglaries and a 175% increase in the number of robberies over the past five years. In 2016, about 7,758 firearms were stolen from Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) in burglaries and robberies.

These stolen firearms invariably turn up in other crimes and present a real danger to public safety. Your legislation would impose a minimum sentence for a successful conviction of not less than three years for burglary and five years for robbery. This is a significant reinforcement of Federal law which will help deter both first-time and repeat offenders and ensure those convicted of these crimes serve serious time.

On behalf of the more than 335,000 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 my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Canterbury  
National President