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The Honorable Michael D. Crapo
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Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Sherrod C. Brown
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 4768, the "National Strategy for Combating the Financing of Transnational Criminal Organizations Act."

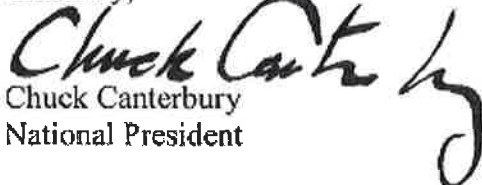
The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) was established to set out our strategy in combating our nation's drug problem. Similarly, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has served as the cornerstone for our nation's crime-fighting efforts for more than two decades. With the growing threat posed by transnational criminal organizations, it is important that we adopt a comprehensive national approach.

President Donald J. Trump took the first step by issuing Executive Order #13773, the Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking a year ago. The Threat Mitigation Working Group was set up to get Federal agencies working together toward the common goal of investigating, prosecuting and dismantling transnational gangs.

This bill would codify part of this Executive Order by developing a national strategy for combating transnational criminal organizations. We need to attack their ability to profit from unlawful activity-whether it is money laundering, bulk cash smuggling, shell companies or digital currencies. Simply put, until we can stop the flow of criminal profits to these organized, unlawful enterprises, they will continue to survive no matter how many individuals we arrest and prosecute.

On behalf of the more than 335,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, we believe this bill will be an important tool for law enforcement and we urge the committee to report it favorably. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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