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The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Tester,


I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our strong support for S. 1108, the “Honoring Hometown Heroes Act.”

Everyday our law enforcement officers act heroically to save and help people they have never met before from all walks of life. These officers take an oath to protect and serve their communities to make it a better and safer place for all those that live there. They are even willing to lay down their lives in the service of others. In 2016 there was an increase in line of duty deaths for law enforcement.

This legislation will make a simple amendment to the United States Flag Code to allow governors to fly the American flag at half-staff in the event a law enforcement officer falls in the line of duty. This will allow governors to honor not just the men and women who gave their all to make their communities a better place, but to the families they leave behind.

On behalf of more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you for this legislation to honor the men and women of law enforcement who have died in the line of duty. If I can be of any additional help to you, please feel free to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President