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The Honorable Timothy J. Ryan
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Representative Ryan,

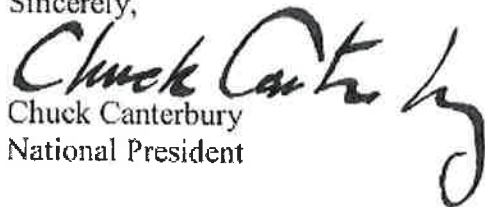
I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for your bill, H.R. 2329, the "Law Enforcement Immersive Training Act."

This legislation will authorize the Attorney General of the United States, acting through the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), to make grants available to State, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to provide law enforcement personnel access to an immersive, real-life, scenario-based training curriculum. The COPS Office, by virtue of its close relationship with law enforcement agencies in the field, is best suited to establish and create such a program just as they have done with the Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) program.

The Law Enforcement Immersive Training Act will improve, de-escalation, training opportunities and community-police relations by directing the Attorney General of the United States to consult with the Fraternal Order of Police and other relevant organizations in the development and dissemination of the curriculum. By doing so, the training curriculum will not only better equip officers to ensure their own safety, but it will enhance their ability to serve and protect their communities by using current immersive technology to prepare officers for real-life situations on the beat.

On behalf of the more than 348,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to offer our support for this legislation. 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,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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