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## **HOUSE PASSES PROTECT AND SERVE ACT!!! DAY AFTER PRESIDENT TRUMP CALLS FOR END TO AMBUSH ATTACKS**

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded news that the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5698, the “Protect and Serve Act,” on an overwhelming 382-35 vote. This legislation provides Federal penalties for individuals who deliberately target local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers with violence.

“One day after we honored 199 of our fallen brothers and sisters at the National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service and after President Donald J. Trump at that same Memorial called for the end of ambush attacks in an emotional plea, the House has answered,” said Canterbury. “To quote President Trump, ‘We must stand up for our police. We must confront and condemn dangerous anti-police prejudice. So, we must show appreciation, gratitude, and respect for those who police our streets and patrol our communities.’”

Ambush attacks are increasing at an alarming rate. A report issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the motivations of cop-killers revealed that many of these attacks are motivated by a hatred or animus toward law enforcement officers. This same report stated that these killers felt that the communities and elected officials no longer supported their officers and they would not face serious penalties for their actions. This legislation will help to change this perspective and provide greater deterrence to those who seek to harm law enforcement officers.

In a particularly moving moment from yesterday’s National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service<sup>1</sup>, President Trump took the unprecedented step of asking the family of murdered New York City Police Department Detective Miosotis Familia to join him on stage. While holding the hand of Detective Familia’s 90-year old mother and surrounded by her children and partner, President Trump said, “She was ambushed by a man for the simple reason that she was a member of the police department -- she was a member of law enforcement.”

“This is a bipartisan bill, as evidenced by today’s vote in the House. On behalf of all of our members, we would like to thank every member of the House for their support, but especially to Florida Representatives John Rutherford and Val Demings, both former law enforcement officers, for their passion and commitment to this issue,” Canterbury said. “Without them and their leadership this victory would not have been possible.”

The House also passed two other bills that the FOP has supported: H.R. 613, the “Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act,” and H.R. 4854, the “Justice Served Act.” Both of these bills, along with the “Protect and Serve Act” now go to the Senate for further action.

The National Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the country with over 335,000 members.

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<sup>1</sup> The National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service, hosted by the Fraternal Order of Police and its Auxiliary, is held on the ground of the U.S. Capitol every year on 15 May, which is National Peace Officers’ Memorial Day. This is a national event honoring those law enforcement officers who fall in the line of duty in the previous calendar year.