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The Honorable A. Lamar Alexander Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Patricia L. Murray
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
and Pensions
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman and Ranking Member,

I am writing today on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to urge you to preserve the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. This program is of great value to our nation's law enforcement officers and other public safety officers, who work tirelessly to keep us safe. For a decade, the PSLF has encouraged Americans from all walks of life to pursue careers in public service and contribute to the well-being and safety of their communities, especially the men and women who choose to serve in law enforcement.

By forgiving the remaining student loan debt of individuals who have ten years of public service, the PSLF enables them to continue their careers as law enforcement and public safety officers, without the crushing burden of student loan debt. The program also incentivizes current law enforcement officers who want to pursue postsecondary degrees for their own career advancement if they continue their public service career.

The PSLF is a benefit which allows our local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies to recruit highly trained and educated individuals that want to serve and protect for a living. We ask you to help them continue serving as public safety officers by preserving the PSLF as it exists today.

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, thank you for listening to our thoughts on this issue. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

cc: R. Alexander Acosta. Secretary. United States Department of Labor