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HOUSE PASSES PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS REAUTHORIZATION *REINVIGORATES EFFORTS TO FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, praised Congress today after they sent Representative Barbara J. Comstock's bill, H.R. 3249, to reauthorize the "Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program" to the desk of President Donald J. Trump on a 394-13 vote.

"The Fraternal Order of Police is a strong and long-time supporter of the Project Safe Neighborhoods program and we welcomed the decision by our friend Attorney General Sessions to 'rejuvenate' the program earlier this year," stated Canterbury. "Under Attorney General Sessions' leadership, law enforcement now has more tools to stop violent criminals and reduce crimes committed by firearms in our country."

The Justice Department's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative was a very successful joint effort between local and State law enforcement, working in close cooperation with Federal prosecutors to target violent criminals—those who use firearms to commit crimes and those who belong to criminal gangs. It played an essential part in reducing firearms and other violent crime in our country.

"In recent years, Project Safe Neighborhoods was not a priority and was not given the resources law enforcement needs to get the 'worst of the worst' off our streets," said Canterbury. "We believe our nation as a whole will be safer with Project Safe Neighborhoods authorized and fully funded and I want to thank Senator John Cornyn for his efforts in pushing this bill through the Senate."

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