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The Honorable Martin T. Heinrich
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Heinrich,

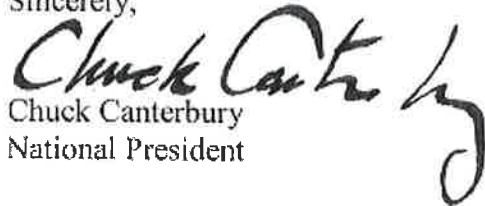
I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for S. 684, the "Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act."

The "Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act" will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage. This legislation repeals a harmful provision in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) which inflicts a 40% tax on plans exceeding \$10,200 for individuals and \$27,500 for families starting in 2022. This provision, known as the "Cadillac Tax," is aimed at "excessive" plans; however, our law enforcement officers are compelled to carry more comprehensive and expensive plans due to the dangerous nature of their work.

If such tax goes into effect, it would be a devastating blow to the hard working men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe. The tax would force employers to raise deductibles while reducing benefits. To punish law enforcement officers by taxing their healthcare plans because they work in a high risk profession is unconscionable.

On behalf of more than 348,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you for introducing this legislation. If I can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President