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The Honorable Gary C. Peters  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Cornyn III  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsay O. Graham  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Peters, Cornyn and Graham,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for S. 573, the "National Criminal Justice Commission Act."

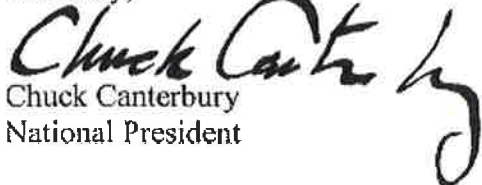
We are pleased to resume our support for this important and bipartisan legislation which would, like President Lyndon B. Johnson's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration and Justice in 1965, provide a comprehensive review of our nation's criminal justice systems.

The work of the 1965 commission provided the basis for a legislative overhaul and modernization of the criminal justice system in the United States. For law enforcement, the implementation of many of the Commission's recommendations began the transformation that truly professionalized law enforcement and policing in our nation. Now, fifty years later, the FOP believes that a similar commission is needed to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the administration of justice in our nation today. Law enforcement has changed a great deal in the last few decades—technology is playing a greater role in committing and preventing crimes. Terrorism and homeland security have become top concerns for law enforcement agencies at every level of government. We believe this legislation will ultimately help law enforcement officers do their jobs more effectively, more efficiently, and more safely. Our streets and neighborhoods will be safer.

This legislation, unlike previous efforts by task forces established by the executive branch, would require that the view of rank-and-file organizations be represented by one of the commissioners and the FOP hopes to fulfill that role.

I look forward to working with you on this legislation. On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the FOP, thank you for your support and leadership on this issue. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jim Pasco, Senior Advisor to the National President, in my Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Canterbury  
National President

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