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The Honorable Nancy P. Pelosi
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Kevin O. McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Speaker, Senator McConnell, Representative McCarthy and Senator Schumer,

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to seek your help ensuring that our nation's law enforcement officers, who have served on the frontlines of this pandemic since the beginning, are guaranteed expedited access to the vaccines developed by Operation Warp Speed.

While COVID-19 is a public health crisis, it is also a public safety concern, as the pandemic continues to impact public safety operations from simple things like answering emergency calls to infected or potentially infected persons, to enforcing quarantines and restrictions on travel as well as protecting vital supplies and facilities. More than 90% of the law enforcement officers responding to these situations are from local and State agencies and they will require expedited access to the vaccine to keep them, and the public with whom they interact, safe from infection, particularly now as much of the nation is seeing infection rates rise. The public needs to have confidence that their local law enforcement agency will be able to respond regardless of the public health circumstances of the community.

With swift access to the vaccine, we are confident that the men and women in law enforcement can keep the peace while still playing a critical role in supporting our communities that are struggling with the latest outbreaks of the disease. We will need your help to ensure that the law enforcement community is protected so that we can continue to protect the country.

On behalf of the more than 356,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, thank you for your leadership and please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco if you should need our help or support in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes
National President

