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Mr. Chuck Canterbury
National President
Grand Lodge
Fraternal Order of Police
309 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear President Canterbury,

I want to thank you for your letter of July 8 and commend you for your leadership in passing H.R. 218, the Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act. I was proud to have been a cosponsor of this legislation and am pleased that our joint efforts to bring the bill to a vote in the Senate were successful. As you know, President Bush is a strong supporter of this legislation and I know he is eager to sign the bill into law.

Without the hard work of the Fraternal Order of Police, this bill would not have passed. You and your colleagues should be proud of your efforts, as this is an important piece of legislation that will make our nation, our communities, and our police officers safer.

Please know that I look forward to continuing to work with you and the more than 318,000 members of the F.O.P on this and many of other issues of importance to law enforcement both now and in the future.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,



William H. Frist, M.D.
Majority Leader
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