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The Honorable William H. Frist  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Frist,

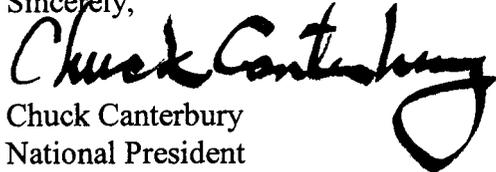
I am writing to advise you of the strong support of the Fraternal Order of Police for legislation to reauthorize the USA PATRIOT Act and make permanent its critical intelligence and intelligence-related authorities.

The USA PATRIOT Act has enabled law enforcement officers to use the same investigatory tools used in criminal cases against suspected terrorists seeking to attack our nation and its people. The law was enacted by wide Congressional majorities, but its most important provisions will expire at the end of this calendar year. Congress needs to consider and pass legislation to permanently authorize the bill's expiring intelligence-related provisions so that the intelligence and law enforcement communities can continue to share information about the ongoing threats our nation faces from terrorists. Without this type of cooperation, the ability of law enforcement to prevent future attacks is considerably lessened.

We can never forget that our terrorist enemies are determined, resourceful, and patient. Our nation's intelligence and law enforcement communities are hard at work every hour of every day protecting our nation from future attacks, but without the tools provided in the USA PATRIOT Act, this cooperation will be tremendously difficult--which places all of us at greater risk.

I thank you for your work and leadership in the Senate and look forward to working with your staff to support the bill as it moves through the legislative process. If I can be of any further assistance on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Canterbury  
National President

cc: The Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales, U.S. Attorney General