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The Honorable Blaine Lutekemeyer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lutekemeyer,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 4502, legislation which would assist the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in its efforts to fight the production, sale and use of methamphetamine.

With strong support from the FOP, Congress passed the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act in 2005. A key component to our nation's anti-meth strategy was to restrict and monitor access to legitimate drugs and medicines that contained pseudoephedrine, the key ingredient for the production of methamphetamine. The statute did, however, anticipate that new technologies and products could be developed in the future which would prevent the extraction of pseudoephedrine to be used for illicit purposes. Now that technology is available.

The legislation you have introduced will encourage the use of these tamper-resistant medicines by allowing the DEA to increase access to products which cannot be effectively used by those seeking to manufacture methamphetamine. It will also ensure that the DEA has the tools it needs to anticipate future changes in the production of this very dangerous drug.

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you for your leadership on this important issue and look forward to working with you as this bill moves through the legislative process. If I can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President