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The Honorable John R. Carter
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Carter,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our strong support for H.R. 4584, the "POLICE Act," which expands grants from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) to allow for Active Shooter Response Training.

The COPS office was created in 1994 to provide help and training to State, local, and Tribal law enforcement departments. Law enforcement departments from across the country have a great working relationship with the COPS office and the training they can provide on this vital issue is next to none. The Active Shooter Response Training is vital for our law enforcement officers to have with the current threats we face. San Bernardino, Sandy Hook, the Washington Naval Yard, and Virginia Tech are just some reminders of the importance of this training.

The better the training our law enforcement officers can receive in regards to an active shooter situation, the more lives they can save by limiting the threat posed to the public. Expanding these grants to include Active Shooter Response Training is a necessary tool to protect the public from such threats.

On behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I look forward to working with you and your staff to move this bill forward. If I can be of any additional help on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President