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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch  
Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Ronald L. Wyden  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Finance  
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Dear Chairman Hatch and Senator Wyden,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 3209, the "Recovering Missing Children Act." This legislation, which has passed the House and been referred to your committee, will amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit the disclosure of certain tax return information for the purpose of missing or exploited children investigations.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, more than 800,000 children are reported missing every year in the United States. Of these 800,000 missing children, 200,000 are abducted by a family member. A report by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) found that, in a significant number of cases, tax returns were filed using the missing child's Social Security number and a new address for the child and the abductor.

The "Recovering Missing Children's Act," will add the special case of a missing child to the current list of circumstances in which the IRS may release tax information. Missing children's cases are complex and difficult to solve. Giving law enforcement access to these specific tax documents could significantly increase the chances of success.

Law enforcement officers need the necessary tools to be able to solve cases and recover missing children. Allowing officers to have access to this pertinent tax return information directly linked to a missing child's case could be the key to recovery.

On behalf of more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you for your consideration of this legislation and amendment. If I can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

Chuck Canterbury  
National President