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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Jackson Lee,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 62, the "Gun Violence Reduction Resources Act."

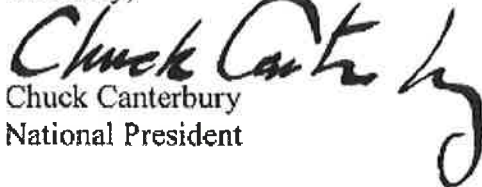
The hiring of an additional 200 special agents to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) is necessary to combat the rise in gun violence in our country. The ATF recognizes the role that firearms play in violent crimes and pursues an integrated regulatory and enforcement strategy. Investigative priorities focus on armed violent offenders and career criminals, narcotics traffickers, narco-terrorists, violent gangs, and domestic and international arms traffickers.

In 2016 gunfire deaths for law enforcement officers reached a 5-year high-63 of our nation's law enforcement officers lost their lives due to gunfire. In this same year, 253 law enforcement officers were shot in the line of duty protecting the communities they serve.

The FOP has seen many of the communities we serve torn apart by rampant gun violence like in Chicago. The ATF plays a vital role with State and local law enforcement in cleaning up our streets of illegal guns and keeping them out of the hands of those who wish to do harm to the community.

On behalf of more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you for introducing this legislation to help fight gun violence in our country. We look forward to working with you and your staff to get the bill to the President's desk. If I can be of any further assistance to you on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jim Pasco, Senior Advisor to the National President, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Canterbury  
National President