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The Honorable Brian K. Fitzpatrick United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Fitzpatrick,

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our strong support for H.R. 949, the "Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act," which you have recently introduced.

This legislation will aid the children of those law enforcement and other public safety officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe. This issue is important to every member of law enforcement who know they may not see their family again when they leave for work.

In 2016, 140 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the United States, 140 officers who will never be able to see their families again. While no amount of financial assistance can replace a loved one, providing children of fallen officers with Federal Pell Grants for their college education is a noble act. This bill would make a college education more affordable by increasing the amount of Pell Grants to the children of fallen police officers and other public safety officers by eliminating the Expected Family Contribution in the Pell Grant eligibility formula.

On behalf of more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you for introducing this legislation. If I can be of any additional help to you, please feel free to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

Chuck Canterbury

National President