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FOP TOP PRIORITY INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE *Law Enforcement Officers' Equity Act*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded the introduction of S. 2946, the "Law Enforcement Officers' Retirement Equity Act," by Senator Cory A. Booker (D-NJ). This bill is the Senate companion bill to H.R. 2254.

"To this day nearly 30,000 Federal law enforcement officers are still not receiving equal status under current pay and retirement laws as their Federal law enforcement colleagues," Canterbury said.

This legislation would provide these brave men and women with 6(c) benefits and the ability to retire after twenty (20) years of service at the age of fifty (50), or twenty-five (25) years of service at any age. This is the same benefit currently received by most criminal investigators and Federal law enforcement officers in several agencies. This bill will also provide for savings in training costs, improve recruitment and retention of qualified officers, and enhance public safety.

"These dedicated men and women put their lives on the line as law enforcement officers for different agencies throughout the Federal government," Canterbury said. "Officers classified as 0083's in agencies like the Department of Defense and Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, F.B.I., U.S. Postal Police, Federal Protective Service, National Institute of Health, U.S. Mint, and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving are among those Federal officers still not receiving these specific benefits. These officers serve as our Federal Government's first line of defense and are asked to face the same hazards as their State and local counterparts," said Canterbury.

"Since OPM will not amend its outdated law enforcement officer definition and the judicial review process has failed, the best and fairest remedy to this injustice is legislation amending U.S. Code to grant all GS-0083 officers law enforcement officer status," Canterbury said. "We strongly endorse the passage of this bill and applaud the efforts of Senator Booker in recognizing this important issue of Federal retirement."

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 330,000 members.

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