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National FOP President to Testify in Support of Sessions *Says police will be proud to have Sessions as “Top Cop”*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, confirmed that he will be testifying before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary at the confirmation hearing for U.S. Senator Jefferson B. Sessions III (R-AL) to be the next Attorney General of the United States.

“I have testified before Congress many times including cabinet nominations, agency head nominations and even a nominee for the Supreme Court of the United States,” Canterbury said. “On this occasion, I can say without reservation that I have never been able to testify with more optimism and enthusiasm. Jeff Sessions has the complete and full support of the 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police to be the next Attorney General of the United States.”

Canterbury cited numerous bills and issues on which Senator Sessions played a key leadership role. These included the passage of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Safety Act (LEOSA), the LEOSA Improvements Act, the Protecting Our Lives by Initiating COPS Expansion (POLICE) Act, and the Fallen Heroes Flag Act. Throughout his tenure in the Senate, Senator Session has been considered a strong supporter of the FOP and of law enforcement generally.

“I understand that a certain amount of partisanship is to be expected, but I hope public safety and officer safety don’t become political footballs,” Canterbury said.

Canterbury will join a witness panel that includes former U.S. Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey and former Deputy U.S. Attorney General Larry D. Thompson. The full witness list can be found here: <http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/meetings/01/03/2017/attorney-general-nomination-01-10-17>

“Jeff Sessions is a man who can reach across the aisle to get things done for the rank-and-file officer as well as a man who will support those same officers, even when it is unpopular to do so,” Canterbury said. “The men and women serving in law enforcement will be proud to have Senator Sessions as our top cop.”

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