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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley,

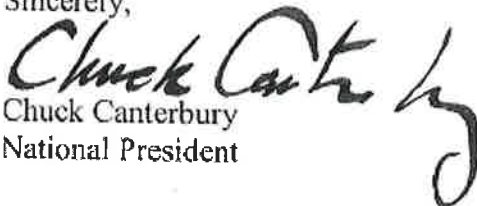
I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for S. 495, the "EAGLES Act," which would reauthorize the National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The legislation, fittingly named after the mascot of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, would reauthorize and expand the NTAC program by including a new school safety initiative which would provide for additional research and training to prevent school violence. Established in 1998 by the U.S. Secret Service to research various types of targeted violence, the NTAC developed a threat assessment model designed to identify individuals exhibiting pre-attack behavior, assessing the potential threat posed by the individual and managing the threat and response. The NTAC uses this information to share with local and State law enforcement agencies and to inform specific training for law enforcement on threat assessment and response.

The FOP believes the NTAC has real value to our officers in the field and we support you and your efforts to reauthorize and fund its important work.

On behalf of the more than 345,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, thank you for introducing this bill and for your continued support of law enforcement. If I can provide any additional information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Executive Director Jim Pasco, in my Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
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