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Senators Booker and Vance Introduce FOP Top Priority: “Law Enforcement Officers Parity Act”

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, applauded the introduction of S. 1658, the “Law Enforcement Officers Parity Act,” a top legislative priority for the FOP. This legislation was introduced by Senators Cory A. Booker (D-NJ) and J.D. Vance (R-OH).

“Due to their high level of training and the dangerous nature of the profession, Congress rightfully determined that Federal law enforcement officers should receive enhanced salary and retirement benefits,” explained Yoes. “These enhanced benefits are referred to as 6(c) benefits, but, because of regulatory inconsistencies, nearly 30,000 Federal law enforcement officers do not receive these benefits because they are not recognized as law enforcement officers. Yet they have the same training, the same duties, and face the same dangers as every other Federal officer.”

The “Law Enforcement Officers Parity Act” would provide all Federal law enforcement officers with 6(c) retirement benefits and the ability to retire after 20 years of service after the age of 50 or after 25 years of service at any age. If enacted, thousands of officers serving in agencies within the U.S. Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, as well as those employed by the FBI Police, U.S. Postal Service, Federal Protective Service, National Institute of Health, U.S. Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will receive the same enhanced benefits as their Federal law enforcement counterparts.

"All Federal law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day, no matter which Federal agency they work for. This bill will ensure that all Federal law enforcement officers receive the same benefits when they retire," said Yoes. "The FOP is grateful to Senators Booker and Vance for introducing this legislation, which would make sure *all* Federal law enforcement officers are treated the same in retirement."

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Founded in 1915, the Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 367,000 members. With national offices in Nashville, Tennessee, and Washington, D.C., the FOP is committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those served through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation. Please visit <https://www.fop.net> for more information.

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