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The Honorable Abigail A. Spanberger
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Robert J. Wittman
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Spanberger and Wittman,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 9910, the "Supporting Federal Employees in the National Guard & Reserves Act."

Sufficient military leave time for Federal law enforcement and correctional officers who concurrently serve in the National Guard or reserves—public servants fulfilling multiple critical duties—is imperative for their mental, physical, and financial well-being. Federal law provides only 15 days of paid leave on a Monday through Friday schedule, which is wholly inadequate. The FY25 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) increases this to 20 days, but this still misses the mark for those who work weekends.

Your legislation would increase that number to 36 days per fiscal year, allowing our public servants, many of whom work overtime to keep us and our communities safe, to be better positioned to prioritize their well-being and families. Subsequently, they become better suited to carry out their duties to full capacity.

On behalf of the more than 377,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you both for your leadership on this issue. If I can be of any help or provide additional information in support of this legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes
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cc: Ray Clemons, President, Virginia State Lodge
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