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The Honorable Roger F. Wicker  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack F. Reed  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Michael D. Rogers  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable D. Adam Smith  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Armed Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Wicker, Senator Reed, Chairman Rogers and Representative Smith,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to ask for your help implementing a critical law enforcement officer safety provision enacted in 2022.

In 2022, President Biden signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 into law. The law included the text of H.R. 8142, the "Department of Defense Law Enforcement Credential Act," which was developed by the FOP and introduced by Representative Donald J. Bacon (R-NE). The provision requires all civilian law enforcement officers employed by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and its component agencies to be issued an appropriate law enforcement credential.

Within 180 days of enactment, the U.S. Secretary of Defense was supposed to develop and issue a standardized identification credential for DoD civilian law enforcement and ensure that any DoD Common Access Card (CAC) issued to such an officer clearly identifies the officer as a Federal law enforcement officer. The Biden Administration did not comply with the law pertaining to the CAC and, according to what our members have been told, there is no current effort being made to develop a standardized identification credential.

This is a critical officer safety issue for the civilian law enforcement officers who protect our military facilities, Armed Services personnel, their families and visitors to these installations. For law enforcement officers without proper credentials clearly identifying them as law enforcement, especially when carrying firearms and other police equipment on their person, puts the safety of these officers in potential jeopardy when interacting with the public or fellow officers.

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On behalf of the more than 377,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I ask that the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services exercise the power of the purse and oversight to ensure compliance with the Department of Defense Law Enforcement Credential Act. If I can provide any additional information about this issue or its critical importance to officer safety, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Yoes", with a large, stylized initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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National President

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