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The Honorable J.A. "Trey" Hollingsworth III
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Hollingsworth,


I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for your bill, H.R. 2561, the "Protecting Officers of the Law In Civilian Establishments (POLICE) Act." I am grateful that your staff reached out to us on this issue.

Your bill would clarify existing Federal laws which prohibit the carriage of firearms onto Federal property like post offices, Social Security offices and Veterans Affairs offices. Local and State law enforcement officers in full uniform and on-duty have been barred from facilities in some jurisdictions because of a very narrow interpretation of current law and your bill would ensure that an officer in uniform and the proper credentials can stop by his local Social Security office without having to disarm.

We would note, however, that not all law enforcement officers wear a uniform. We do not believe it makes sense to allow access to a Veteran Affairs clinic to a young patrolman in uniform and deny access to an experienced plainclothes detective. We look forward to working with you and your staff and hope to amend the bill as it moves through the legislative process.

On behalf of the more than 330,00 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you again for contacting us about this issue and for your ongoing support of law enforcement. If I can be of any further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President