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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dick Durbin
Ranking Member
Senate Judiciary Committee
711 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing state, local, and federal law enforcement nationwide, we thank the Senate Judiciary Committee for putting forward a strong bipartisan public safety agenda during National Police Week and urge the Committee to advance these important measures.

The legislation included in the Committee's upcoming mark-up addresses some of the most significant challenges facing law enforcement and public safety agencies today, including officer wellness, leadership development, evolving investigative demands, support for officers and families, and emerging threats impacting communities nationwide.

The *Officer John Barnes and Chief Michael Ansbro Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program Expansion Act* would strengthen and modernize support for officers and families through the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program, helping ensure those who serve and the families who stand behind them receive the support they deserve after tragedy strikes. The *Promoting Police Leadership Act* would expand and strengthen leadership training for the next generation of law enforcement leaders, recognizing that strong leadership directly impacts officer performance, accountability, public trust, and public safety outcomes. The *Fighting Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Act* would expand access to evidence based mental health and peer support resources for law enforcement and other first responders exposed to repeated trauma in the line of duty, helping agencies better support recruitment, retention, wellness, and long-term resiliency across the public safety workforce.

In addition, the *Carla Walker Act* would establish important standards and guardrails for the use of forensic genetic genealogy in criminal investigations, helping preserve a powerful

investigative tool while strengthening public confidence and consistency in its use. The *Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Stopping Prison Contraband Act* would strengthen penalties related to contraband cell phones used to coordinate violent crime, narcotics trafficking, fraud schemes, and gang activity from inside correctional facilities, helping address a serious and growing threat to both officer and community safety. The *Tribal Warrant Fairness Act* would improve coordination and information sharing involving Tribal warrants and justice systems, helping address longstanding public safety gaps and improve cross jurisdictional cooperation.

Collectively, these measures reflect a strong bipartisan commitment to supporting the men and women serving on the front lines, strengthening public safety operations, and ensuring agencies have the tools, training, and resources needed to meet evolving threats.

Thank you again for your leadership and continued commitment to public safety. Our organizations stand ready to support these efforts as the legislation advances.

Sincerely,

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)
Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)
National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO)
National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC)
National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)
Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD (SBA)