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MICHAEL McHALE
President
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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

JOHN A. FLYNN
Vice President
Police Benevolent Association of New York City

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Durbin:

CRAIG LALLY
Recording Secretary
Los Angeles Police Protective League

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPPO), representing some 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the nation, I am writing to advise you of our strong support for S. 825, the Fighting Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Act, and S. 3897, the Officer John Barnes and Chief Michael Ansbro Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program Expansion Act. We thank the Committee for considering these important bills as part of a bipartisan public safety agenda during National Police Week and encourage you to advance them to the full Senate swiftly and without amendment.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition of Police

DARRELL KRIPLEAN
Sergeant-at-Arms
Phoenix Law Enforcement Association

The Officer John Barnes and Chief Michael Ansbro PSOB Program Expansion Act would make vital changes to the PSOB Program to increase transparency and accountability and ensure the Program honors and supports officers and their families who have sacrificed so much in service to their communities. Too many PSOB claimants – both officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty and the families of officers who died in the line of duty – have claims that have been dragging on for three or four years, some even up to twelve years with no understanding as to why it is taking so long to determine their claim. It is unacceptable that these brave men and women and their families are being treated in such an abhorrent manner. S. 3897 would go a long way to addressing these issues with the program.

SCOTT LEETON
Executive Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas

The Fighting PTSD Act would direct the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop treatment programs for police, fire, emergency medical and 911 personnel who suffer from PTSD or acute stress disorders. By recognizing the prevalence of PTSD within the public safety profession and the need to address PTSD and acute stress disorder among officers, this bill would help make certain they get the treatment and help they need.

MARK YOUNG
Vice President,
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Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
Wisconsin Professional Police Association

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel

Thank you again for your leadership and continued commitment to public safety. We stand ready to support your efforts to advance these important bills. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director

CC: Members, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate