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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Steve Scalise
Majority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Thune, Leader Jeffries, Leader Schumer, and Leader Scalise:

On behalf of the undersigned national law enforcement and public safety associations, we strongly support the inclusion of several critical public safety provisions in the compromise Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). These measures directly confront real threats, close longstanding operational gaps, support our nation's first responders, and will make communities across the United States safer.

We are extremely supportive of the inclusion of comprehensive Counter-UAS (C-UAS) authorities for state, local, tribal, and territorial public safety agencies and corrections facilities. Public safety agencies continue to face increasingly dangerous and sophisticated

malicious drone activity without the necessary tools to respond. This includes contraband drops into correctional facilities, surveillance of officers, interference with emergency operations, and threats to stadiums, entertainment venues, and other crowded spaces. With the United States preparing to host the 2026 World Cup, the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and America's 250th anniversary, these authorities are nothing short of essential. Their inclusion in the NDAA marks a long overdue and consequential step forward, giving frontline agencies a clear and responsible framework to detect, track, and mitigate malicious drone activity. It also reflects a direct response to the urgent concerns we have raised for years.

We are also encouraged to see other critical public safety priorities reflected in the negotiated text. The *Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act* expands support for families of law enforcement officers and other first responders who face heightened risks from service-related cancers. The *Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act* ensures families of retired law enforcement officers who are targeted for violence because of their former service receive the Public Safety Officers' Benefits they are owed. The *Improving Police CARE Act* establishes national standards for trauma kits used by officers, ensuring these lifesaving tools are reliable when seconds matter. And the *PROTECT Our Children Act* strengthens essential federal-state partnerships to combat the alarming and rapidly growing volume of online child sexual exploitation.

We appreciate your efforts to respond to the needs of public safety agencies and the attention given to these urgent issues. We stand ready to support you as Congress advances the NDAA and as these new authorities and programs are implemented to protect the public and the officers who serve them.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued partnership with law enforcement across the nation. We look forward to continuing to work with you in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

American Correctional Association (ACA)
Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)
Correctional Leaders Association (CLA)
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)
Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)
Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)
National Alliance of State Drug Enforcement Agencies (NASDEA)
National Fusion Center Association (NFCA)
National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Directors Association (NHDA)
National Homeland Security Association (NHSA)
National Narcotic Officers' Associations' Coalition (NNOAC)
National Real Time Crime Center Association (NRTCCA)
National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)
National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA)
Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD (SBA)
Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association (SRLEEA)