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The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John H. Hoeven III
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Tester and Hoeven,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for S. 1857, the "Assisting Narcotics and Trafficking Officers in Interdicting (ANTI) Drugs Act."

Drug trafficking, human smuggling, and illegal crossings have continued to be a problem at our southern border. Federal law enforcement, in conjunction with a host of State and local partners, work tirelessly to secure and protect our border. However, these enforcement activities are expensive, and have put a strain on the limited budgets and resources of local law enforcement agencies.

Operation Stonegarden is a Federal grant program that allocates Federal funds to local law enforcement for immigration activities. Your legislation would reauthorize, and increase funding for, this program. With this increased funding, local law enforcement will be better able to combat drug trafficking, reduce human smuggling, and safeguard our border.

The bill also allocates \$400 million to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program under the Office of National Drug Control Policy, as well as \$665 million to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

On behalf of the more than 367,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to offer our strong support for this legislation. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington D.C. office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes
National President