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Dear *Day on the Hill* Participant,

For the first time, the nation's oldest and largest organization of law enforcement officers—the National Fraternal Order of Police—will be joining forces with the nation's oldest and largest union of professional firefighters—the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) in Washington, D.C.

Rank-and-file law enforcement officers and firefighters will come together in our Nation's capital to highlight the important issues facing our public safety organizations. We will be talking about the challenges and needs of our memberships including recognizing the right of public safety officers to collectively bargain, protecting due process for officers and firefighters, and repealing the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO).

This has been a historically unproductive Congress, which included an unprecedented removal of a sitting Speaker of the House. With paper-thin majorities in both chambers and a divisive President election on the horizon, this will be a very challenging year to get things done. By working with our partners at the IAFF, we send a strong message that the priorities of our nation's public safety officers must be priorities for Congress as well.

With your help, I believe we can make real progress on the FOP's legislative agenda in the House and Senate. Our success, however, comes down to YOU! We will need your help at the grassroots level to ensure our message gets through. Your participation this week is only a small part of our advocacy program. If we are to succeed, we need all our members to build, strengthen, and sustain their relationships with their Senators and Representatives. Members of Congress need to know that FOP members are active voters in their States and districts and will be watching them carefully in this election year. Make it clear to them that you and your members will hold them accountable.

We once again have more than 300 cosponsors on H.R. 82, the "Social Security Fairness Act," and last year testified at a field hearing of the Committee on Ways and Means about the importance of repealing the WEP/GPO. This is a top priority for the FOP and IAFF and, for the first time in a very long time, we are seeing real progress on this legislation. Our focus is now on the Senate, where we have 49 cosponsors on the bill. To make sure Congress hears our message loud and clear, the FOP and IAFF will be holding a rally to support Social Security Fairness on Tuesday, 5 March. We urge as many of our members to be there as possible. In your visits with your Senators and Representatives, please ask them to cosponsor or thank them for cosponsoring the "Social Security Fairness Act."

The FOP and IAFF will also be leading the charge to earn support for the “Public Safety Officers’ Employer-Employee Cooperation Act,” to ensure that the collective bargaining rights of all public safety officers are recognized in every State. Both our organizations also support the “Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act,” which creates a home loan benefits program for first responders and educators based on the successful U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs home loan program available to our nation’s veterans.

The FOP will also continue to focus on building support for the “Protect and Serve Act,” which we hope will reach the House floor this year, as well as our “Law Enforcement Equity Act” and the “LEOSA Reform Act.” These issues are important to our officers and Congress needs to know that.

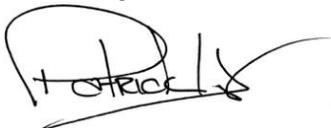
While we are grateful for your participation this week, please remember that genuine grassroots activism is not a one or two-day event. The key to being effective in the future is to grow the relationships with the individuals you meet this week. Follow-up! Make contact again with the Members and staffers you interact with during this event, even if it is just to thank them for their time. Each contact you have with them will reinforce your progress and make our efforts here more productive in generating strong and active support for our issues.

I also want to ask you and your lodge brothers and sisters to support the National Fraternal Order of Police Political Action Committee (NFOP PAC), which, like our grassroots activism, is an essential part of our National Legislative Program. The NFOP PAC allows us to support candidates who support our members and our profession. It is an election year, and we need these resources to help those who help us. We need to increase member participation in our payroll deduction and monthly recurring credit card programs. Please take this request back to your local and State Lodges and help us grow our PAC and amplify our voice in the nation’s capital.

We are also asking all FOP members who will be attending *Day on the Hill* to not only wear pins or badges denoting their status as a member of the FOP, but we are also asking that members who served in the Armed Forces wear appropriate pins or badges denoting their status as veterans.

On behalf of your more than 373,000 brothers and sisters in the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you for taking the time to be part of our historic joint *Day on the Hill* 2024!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Yoes', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Yoes
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