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The Honorable Don Bacon  
United States House of Representatives  
2104 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Bacon:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing approximately 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the nation, I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 3327, the Public Safety Retirees Healthcare Protection Act.

The Healthcare Enhancement for Local Public Safety (HELPS) Retirees provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 provides public safety officers, who often retire earlier than other occupations because of the physical demands and unique job hazards they face, with means to more affordable healthcare options. Under this provision, retired public safety officers can use up to \$3,000 annually from their pension funds tax-free, including from defined benefit and defined contribution plans, to pay for qualified health insurance and long-term care insurance premiums.

Unfortunately, health care costs have gone up dramatically since 2006 and the \$3,000 per year permitted to be utilized from the retiree's pension under the provision is no longer adequate to cover even half a year's worth of health insurance premiums.

Increasing the allowable amount under the HELP Retirees provision from \$3,000 to \$6,000, as the Public Safety Retirees Healthcare Protection Act would do, continues the purpose and intention of the original HELPS Retirees Act: to help preserve the retirement security and the health of those public servants who selflessly serve and protect our communities.

We thank you for your continued support of America's law enforcement community and we look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director