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The Honorable Jamie Raskin Ranking Member Committee on the Judiciary

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Dear Chairman Jordan and Ranking Member Raskin:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the nation, I am writing to advise you of our strong support for H.R. 2243, the LEOSA Reform Act, and H.R. 2240, the Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act. We thank the Committee for considering these bills and encourage you to advance them to the full House swiftly and without amendment.

NAPO is proud to have worked with members of Congress to enact the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) in 2004 to allow well-qualified off-duty and retired officers to carry their firearms for the protection of themselves, their families and our nation's communities. However, today, qualified off-duty, and retired officers continue to encounter unnecessary roadblocks when using their legal right to carry a firearm. H.R. 2243 will address specific issues that these current and retired law enforcement officers are facing when exercising their right to protect themselves and others under the law.

H.R. 2240 is another important officer safety bill as assaults on law enforcement have increased dramatically. In 2024, 342 officers were shot in the line of duty, of which 61 were ambush-style attacks. NAPO has long advocated that data must be collected on the actual and threatened use of force against officers, and not only in situations involving firearms, to get the greater picture of the threat our officers face. H.R. 2240 will be an important first step to ensuring we are collecting the data necessary to fully understand assaults against officers and getting agencies the support and resources necessary to protect the health and safety of the men and women who so valiantly serve and protect our communities.

We urge all Members to vote yes to each of these bills at tomorrow's markup and oppose any amendments offered. 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, U.S. House of Representatives