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The Honorable Tim Scott
Chair
Committee on Banking, Housing, and
Urban Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
Ranking Member
Committee on Banking, Housing, and
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United States Senate
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JOHN A. FLYNN
Vice President
Police Benevolent Association of New York City

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Recording Secretary
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Dear Chairman Scott and Ranking Member Warren:

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition of Police

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing some 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the nation, I am writing to advise you of our strong support for the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act, S. 978, and urge you to include it as part of the ROAD to Housing Act, S. 5027, the Senate is expected to consider next week.

DARRELL KRIPLEAN
Sergeant-at-Arms
Phoenix Law Enforcement Association

Like many public servants, law enforcement officers serve and protect our nation and our communities for modest wages, and they often face financial obstacles when buying a home in today's competitive housing market. Especially with interest rates rising, many officers and their families have found it difficult to afford to purchase homes, making it harder for them to stay and live in the communities they serve.

SCOTT LEETON
Executive Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas

Police1 conducted a survey in 2021 of 319 police departments where it was found that a staggering 68% of reporting departments stated that high housing costs are hindering their hiring process. By creating a new first time homebuyer loan program through the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) that aims to remove the biggest financial barriers for buying a house – the down payment requirement and a monthly insurance premium requirement – the HELPER Act would provide public safety officers with access to affordable homeownership. The Program created by this bill would help the men and women who have chosen to serve their communities buy homes which might otherwise not been possible.

MARK YOUNG
Vice President,
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Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association

JAMES PALMER
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Wisconsin Professional Police Association

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel

We strongly feel that the HELPER Act can play a unique role in addressing both housing affordability and the workforce shortages the law enforcement profession is facing and should be included as part of the ROAD to Housing Act. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.
Executive Director

Cc: Majority Leader John Thune, United States Senate
Minority Leader Charles Schumer, United States Senate