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The Honorable Mike Johnson

Speaker

United States House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries

Minority Leader

United States House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20510

JOHN A. FLYNN

Vice President

*Police Benevolent
Association of New York City*

Dear Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

CRAIG LALLY

Recording Secretary

*Los Angeles Police
Protective League*

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPPO), representing approximately 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the United States, I am writing to you to advise you of our strong support for the Officer John Barnes and Chief Michael Ansbro Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Expansion Act, H.R. 7718 / S. 3897, and to urge quick passage of this important bill.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN

Treasurer

*Massachusetts Coalition
of Police*

The Public Safety Officer's Benefits Program is a vital lifeline for officers and families who have just experienced a horrible tragedy, providing much-needed death, disability, and education benefits. Unfortunately, the current state of the Program does little to instill confidence in officers and their families that the federal government will do its part to take care of them. The absolute lack of transparency and accountability within the Program is making it difficult for it to efficiently and effectively help claimants and determine claims.

DARRELL KRIPLEAN

Sergeant-at-Arms

*Phoenix Law Enforcement
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SCOTT LEETON

Executive Secretary

*Combined Law Enforcement
Associations of Texas*

The Officer John Barnes and Chief Michael Ansbro PSOB Expansion Act would make vital improvements to the PSOB Program and ensure that the survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty are provided every available resource and benefit in a timely and transparent manner.

MARK YOUNG

Vice President,

Associate Members

*Detroit Police Lieutenants &
Sergeants Association*

JAMES PALMER

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*Wisconsin Professional Police
Association*

As the 25th anniversary September 11, 2001 approaches and we remember those who died that day, we cannot fail to recognize those we have lost and continue to lose as the lasting effects of that day make themselves known. First responders across the country continue to die from their rescue and recovery efforts on and after 9/11 from cancers and other serious health conditions related to sustained exposure to toxins found at Ground Zero and at the Pentagon. This legislation will go a long way towards honoring their sacrifices and ensure 9/11 responders and their families are awarded the benefits they deserve.

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE

Executive Director and

General Counsel

We respectfully ask you to take up this important bill and pass it next week in honor of the men and women who bravely responded on 9/11. If we can provide any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.

Executive Director