ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE
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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman:

On behalf of the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 309, the "National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act." As you may know, this past September the Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on the bill during which several Members of the subcommittee spoke strongly in favor of the bill. I would also note that 15 Members of the House Natural Resources Committee are cosponsors of H.R. 309.

The bill establishes within the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) a formal program whereby the Secretary of the Interior would provide annual support to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) to support and enhance the community outreach, public education and officer safety and wellness programs of the National Law Enforcement Museum.

NLEOMF - which operates the National Law Enforcement Museum - and the Museum were created by Acts of Congress in 1984 and 2000. The fact that Congress saw fit to create the National Law Enforcement Memorial and the National Law Enforcement Museum sets a powerful precedent, underscoring the fact that Congress recognizes the vital importance of their mission. NLEOMF's board of directors includes every major law enforcement organization in the country and NLEOMF is the only national law enforcement organization created by an Act of Congress.

Since the dedication of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 1991, NLEOMF has worked closely with the U.S. Department of the Interior on maintaining the Memorial and on hosting programs and events at the Memorial. Since 2006, through a Congressionally authorized Memorandum of Understanding between NLEOMF and the Department of Interior (Public Law 109-314), NLEOMF maintains the Memorial — saving the U.S. taxpayer tens of thousands of dollars. NLEOMF has a three decade plus history of working with DOI and is uniquely qualified to partner with DOI in fulfilling the important mission of educating the public about the key role played by law enforcement in our democracy, strengthening the bond between communities and law enforcement, promoting officer safety and wellness and promoting quality scholarship on law enforcement history.

At a time when many law enforcement agencies remain understaffed and over-whelmed, there is a critical need to enhance public understanding and appreciation of law enforcement, and to

improve the safety and wellness of officers who serve our nation. A sustained national effort to restore confidence and understanding in law enforcement is urgently needed - now more than ever. That is precisely what this bill would do.

I respectfully urge your committee to favorably consider and approve this vital pro-law enforcement legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary Sipes

Chief Gary Sipes (Ret.)
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April 15, 2026

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Dear Chairman Westerman:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Arkansas Game Wardens' Association to let you know of our strong support for H.R. 309, the "National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act." It is my understanding that this past September the Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on the bill during which several members of the panel spoke strongly in favor of the bill.

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These programs save police lives, bring law enforcement closer to the communities they serve and educate the public about the vital role law enforcement plays in a democratic society. I would note that NLEOMF's outstanding programs have never received federal support. That needs to change. Certainly the vital programs of the National Law Enforcement Museum are as worthy of federal support as the other important programs funded by the Interior Department every year. From a local standpoint, this legislation will allow NLEOMF to bring some of its programming to our state to benefit our law enforcement agencies and communities.

As I am sure you are aware, all too many law enforcement agencies in Arkansas remain under-staffed and over-whelmed. A sustained national effort to restore confidence and understanding in law enforcement is urgently needed - now more than ever. That is precisely what this bill would do.

I urge you to make this bill a priority in your committee and approve this vital pro-law enforcement legislation.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

AGWA President,

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CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

The Honorable John Barrasso
Majority Whip
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Whip Barrasso:

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Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) brings the voice of over 90,000 survivors of line of duty death. Every survivors' request is for our nation to always remember the sacrifice made by their loved one. The Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum are sacred places for those survivors to know they did not lose a loved one in vain, that the country they sacrificed for honors their loss. Those survivors also want to make sure that every effort is made to build strong relationships between law enforcement and society as a whole, along with teaching law enforcement officers best practices to stay safe and avoid more names being added to the Memorial.

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Thank you for your consideration - It is our hope that you will do everything you possibly can to have the Senate vote as soon as possible in favor of H.R. 309.

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February 18, 2026

The Honorable Troy E. Nehls
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for H.R. 309 — National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act

Dear Representative Nehls:

On behalf of the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA), which represents the 335 municipal police chiefs across the State of California, I write to express our support for H.R. 309, the **National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act**.

H.R. 309 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding to support the operation and enhancement of community outreach, public education, and officer safety and wellness programming conducted through the National Law Enforcement Museum. The legislation directs grant funding to sustain programs that memorialize fallen officers, promote public understanding of policing, and improve officer safety and wellness outcomes.

The bill recognizes that the National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum serve a unique national mission: honoring officers who have died in the line of duty, educating the public about the role of law enforcement in a democratic society, and helping reduce injuries and fatalities among officers through education and outreach.

By supporting programming that strengthens public understanding and engagement, Congress affirms that fostering trust and informed dialogue between communities and law enforcement contributes to public safety and social cohesion. H.R. 309 advances these objectives through targeted investments in outreach, research, training resources, and educational programming, including efforts to expand access to museum resources and provide free admission opportunities for law enforcement personnel and the public.

For these reasons, CPCA respectfully urges your support for H.R. 309. We appreciate Congress's continued commitment to recognizing the service and sacrifice of law enforcement

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Sincerely,



Chief Jason Salazar
President
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March 23, 2026

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the California Police Chiefs Association (CPCA), which represents the 335 municipal police chiefs across the State of California, I write to express our strong support for S. 3719, the "National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act." We respectfully urge you to co-sponsor this bipartisan legislation.

S. 3719 would establish within the U.S. Department of the Interior a formal program to provide sustained support to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) to enhance community outreach, public education, and officer safety and wellness initiatives through the National Law Enforcement Museum.

The National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum, both established by Acts of Congress, serve a unique national mission: honoring officers who have died in the line of duty, educating the public about the role of law enforcement in a democratic society, and advancing officer safety and wellness through research and outreach. NLEOMF is uniquely positioned to partner with the Department of the Interior to further these objectives on a national scale.

At a time when many law enforcement agencies continue to face staffing shortages and increasing service demands, it is critical to strengthen public understanding of the profession and invest in officer wellness and safety. S. 3719 advances these priorities by supporting programming that fosters trust, improves community engagement, and promotes informed dialogue between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

For these reasons, CPCA respectfully urges your co-sponsorship of S. 3719. We appreciate your leadership and commitment to supporting the men and women who serve and protect our communities.

Sincerely,

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April 10, 2026

The Honorable Troy Nehls
United States House of Representatives
1104 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: HR 309 - The National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act

Dear Representative Nehls:

The California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA) is pleased to support the National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act, which would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funding for the National Law Enforcement Museum and related outreach activities.

The museum represents the only law enforcement campus in the United States and serves a critical national mission of honoring and remembering those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and educating the public about the important role of law enforcement in our communities.

The National Law Enforcement Museum serves as a national center for honoring federal, tribal, state, and local law enforcement, highlighting the history and personal stories of officers who have died in the line of duty. The outreach programs provided by this institution aim to enhance public understanding of law enforcement roles, improve trust, and support community-oriented policing initiatives, which can help foster better public engagement.

For these reasons, CSSA is pleased to support HR 309.

Sincerely,

Cory Salzillo
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6 May 2025

The Honorable J. Michael Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem S. Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Stephen J. Scalise
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Katherine M. Clark
Minority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker and Representatives Jeffries, Scalise and Clark,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 309, the "National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act."

The National Law Enforcement Museum at Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C. is dedicated to telling the story of American law enforcement by providing visitors a "walk in their shoes" experience. It also provides community outreach, public education, and officer safety and wellness programs, all of which supports the American police officer.

This bipartisan legislation directs the U.S. Department of the Interior to award a grant of $6 million over the next seven fiscal years to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), which operates National Law Enforcement Museum. In the event that Congress does not appropriate this amount to the NLEOMF, the legislation also provides the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior the authority to transfer such sums as may be necessary from the National Park Service. We would urge, however, that the bill be amended to make clear that any transferred funds must not come from the budgets of any law enforcement component within the Department.

On behalf of the more than 377,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I urge the House to consider and pass H.R. 309 next week as our nation observes National Police Week. If I can provide any additional information about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes
National President

cc: Darrell Basco, President, Louisiana State Lodge
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September 30, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
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The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
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Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 309, the "National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act." This important legislation passed the U.S. House of Representatives on September 14, 2026. H.R. 309 is the companion bill to S. 3719, which Senators Thom Tillis and Richard Blumenthal introduced on January 28, 2026.

The legislation would establish a formal program within the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) to provide annual support to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) for the National Law Enforcement Museum's community outreach, public education, and officer safety and wellness programs.

Congress created the NLEOMF and the National Law Enforcement Museum through Acts of Congress in 1984 and 2000, respectively. In doing so, Congress set a powerful precedent and underscored the vital importance of their mission. The NLEOMF and the National Law Enforcement Museum are uniquely qualified and positioned to partner with DOI to educate the public about the key role of police in our democracy, strengthen the bond between police and the communities they serve, promote officer safety and wellness, and advance quality scholarship on law enforcement history.

For these reasons, IACP urges the Senate to promptly consider and approve this important legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vincent Talucci
Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable John Thune
The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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May 12, 2025

The Honorable Sen. Dick Durbin and Sen. Tammy Duckworth
United States Senate
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Dear Senators Durbin and Duckworth:

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Thank you for your consideration - I hope that you will co-sponsor S. 3719.

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The Honorable Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hyde-Smith:

On behalf of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, I am writing to express my strong support for S. 3719, the "National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act." I respectfully urge you to co-sponsor this bi-partisan, pro-law enforcement legislation, which was introduced on January 28, 2026 by Senators Thom Tillis and Richard Blumenthal.

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Sincerely,

Sheriff Steve Rushing

Maryland Chiefs of Police Association
Maryland Sheriffs' Association

Date: March 19, 2026

The Honorable Angela Alsobrooks
SR-374 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act.

Dear Senator Alsobrooks:

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Date: March 19, 2026

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
730 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act.

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The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Collins:

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The Honorable Angus King
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator King:

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The Honorable Gary Peters
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Peters:

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The Honorable Elissa Slotkin
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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NATIONAL POLICING INSTITUTE
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September 29, 2026

The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kaine:

On behalf of the Arlington, Virginia-headquartered National Policing Institute (NPI), I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 309, the *National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act.* This pro-law enforcement legislation passed the U.S. House of Representatives on September 14, 2026. H.R. 309 is the companion bill to S. 3719, introduced on January 28, 2026, by Senators Thom Tillis and Richard Blumenthal.

NPI is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to advancing excellence in policing. For more than 55 years, NPI has served the profession and championed the idea that policing is one of America's most essential and noble professions. We respectfully urge you to support H.R. 309 and to do all you can to advance its consideration in the Senate as soon as possible.

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Sincerely,

James H. Burch, II
President

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September 26, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Washington, DC 20510

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703 Hart Senate Office Building
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April 2, 2026

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senator
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Letter of Support & Sponsorship Request - S. 3719 - National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act

Dear Senator Merkley,

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Best Regards,



Chief Marcia Harnden, President
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police

April 2, 2026

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senator
221 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
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RE: Letter of Support & Sponsorship Request - S. 3719 - National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act

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The Honorable David McCormick
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCormick:

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S. 3719 would establish within the United States Department of the Interior a formal program through which the Secretary of the Interior would provide annual support to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund to enhance the community outreach, public education, and officer safety and wellness programs of the National Law Enforcement Museum.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and the National Law Enforcement Museum were established by Acts of Congress in 1984 and 2000, respectively. Congress's creation of both the National Law Enforcement Memorial and the Museum underscores the national importance of honoring the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers and educating the public about their critical role in our democracy.

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April 2, 2025

The Honorable Troy Nehls
United States House of Representatives
1104 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
United States House of Representatives
200 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Nehls and Representative Panetta,

I write today on behalf of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), representing approximately 83,000 public safety members and 956 public safety associations across our State. PORAC is pleased to support your legislation, the *National Law Enforcement Officers Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act* (H.R. 309), which would commemorate law enforcement and support community outreach, public education, officer safety, and wellness programs.

As violent crime spikes in communities across the nation, law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to protect our communities and uphold public safety. Homicides, violent carjackings, robberies, overdose deaths, and attacks against law enforcement officers have reached alarming rates in the past year, and this bill will memorialize the sacrifice law enforcement makes every day, collect data on fatalities and injuries sustained in the line of duty, and invest in bringing officers closer to the communities they serve.

PORAC sincerely appreciates your work on this legislation to honor law enforcement and improve public safety. We look forward to working together to push this effort forward in the 119th Congress. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the PORAC Headquarters (916) 928-3777 or contact our legislative advocates at Steptoe LLP (202) 429-6457.

Very Truly Yours,
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Chief Jason Teague

The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Sheridan Police Department to let you know of our strong support for H.R. 309, the "*National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act.*" It is my understanding that this past September the Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on the bill during which several members of the panel spoke strongly in favor of the bill.

The legislation establishes within the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) a formal program under which the Secretary of the Interior would provide annual funding to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) to support and enhance the community outreach, public education and officer safety and wellness programs of the National Law Enforcement Museum.

These programs save police lives, bring law enforcement closer to the communities they serve and educate the public about the vital role law enforcement plays in a democratic society. I would note that NLEOMF's outstanding programs have never received federal support. That needs to change. Certainly, the vital programs of the National Law Enforcement Museum are as worthy of federal support as the other important programs funded by the Interior Department every year. From a local standpoint, this legislation will allow NLEOMF to bring some of its programming to our state to benefit our law enforcement agencies and communities.

As I am sure you are aware, all too many law enforcement agencies in Arkansas remain under-staffed and over-whelmed. A sustained national effort to restore confidence and understanding in law enforcement is urgently needed - now more than ever. That is precisely what this bill would do.

I urge you to make this bill a priority in your committee and approve this vital pro-law enforcement legislation. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Chief Jason Teague

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April 28, 2026

On behalf of the Texas Police Chiefs Association, I am writing to express our strong support for S. 3719, the "National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act." I respectfully urge you to support this pro-law enforcement legislation, which was introduced on January 28, 2026 by Senators Thom Tillis and Richard Blumenthal.

S. 3719 establishes within the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) a formal program whereby the Secretary of the Interior would provide annual support to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) to support and enhance the community outreach, public education and officer safety and wellness programs of the National Law Enforcement Museum.

NLEOMF - which operates the National Law Enforcement Museum - and the Museum were created by Acts of Congress in 1984 and 2000. The fact that Congress saw fit to create the National Law Enforcement Memorial and the National Law Enforcement Museum sets a powerful precedent and underscores the fact that Congress recognizes the vital importance of their mission. NLEOMF and the Museum are uniquely qualified and positioned to partner with DOI in fulfilling the vital mission of better educating the public about the key role played by law enforcement in our democracy, strengthening the bond between communities and law enforcement, promoting officer safety and wellness and promoting quality scholarship on law enforcement history.

At a time when many law enforcement agencies across the country remain under-staffed, and many law enforcement agencies have been forced to declare personnel emergencies and require mandatory overtime, there is a critical need to enhance public understanding and appreciation of law enforcement, and to improve the safety and wellness of officers who serve our communities.

Fostering a more informed and positive relationship between law enforcement and the public is essential for societal safety and cohesion. A sustained national effort to restore confidence and understanding in law enforcement is urgently needed - now more than ever. That is precisely what this bill would do.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chief Carrie Ellis
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Commissioner

October 7, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lee,

On behalf of the Utah Department of Public Safety, I am writing to express my support for H.R. 309, the "National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act." This pro-law enforcement legislation, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives on September 14, 2026, serves as the companion bill to S. 3719.

H.R. 309 establishes a formal program within the U.S. Department of the Interior to provide annual support to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). This funding will directly enhance the community outreach, public education, and officer safety and wellness programs of the National Law Enforcement Museum. Furthermore, this initiative will support free admission to the museum for active and retired law enforcement officers, the families of fallen officers, and the general public.

As law enforcement agencies across the country face critical staffing shortages and mandatory overtime emergencies, there is an urgent need to prioritize the wellness of our officers and enhance public understanding of their sacrifices. Fostering a more informed and positive relationship between law enforcement and the public is essential for our societal safety and cohesion.

I urge you to do everything you can to secure a Senate vote and expeditiously pass H.R. 309 on the Senate floor. Thank you for your consideration and your continued support of law enforcement.

Sincerely,

Beau Mason
Commissioner
Utah Department of Public Safety

Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, Inc

The Honorable Ron Johnson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

April 28, 2026

Dear Senator Johnson:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association, I am writing to express my strong support for S. 3719, the "National Law Enforcement Remembrance, Support and Community Outreach Act." I respectfully urge you to co-sponsor this bipartisan, pro-law enforcement legislation, which was introduced on January 28, 2026, by Senators Thom Tillis and Richard Blumenthal.

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Thank you for your consideration - I hope that you will co-sponsor S. 3719.

Sincerely,

Chief (Ret.) Sean Marschke
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