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The Honorable Thom Tillis
United States Senate
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tillis,

We are writing to you today in strong support of the reintroduction of your legislation, the “Protect and Serve Act.” Over the last few years, law enforcement around our nation have been victimized by acts of targeted violence. The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), which represents almost 30,000 federal officers and agents in 65 agencies, feel these attacks need to be answered with the swift and full weight of the federal justice system.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed cases in which local jurisdictions do not or will not prosecute the perpetrators of violent attacks on law enforcement to the fullest extent of the law. This sends a dangerous message to criminals that an attack on a law enforcement officer will not be answered. Selective prosecution sends an equally dangerous message as to the value local elected officials in those jurisdictions place on the lives of our federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. In our view, failing to protect those who protect and serve is as dangerous to public safety as the movement to “defund the police.”

The legislation you have introduced addresses these concerns by empowering federal prosecutors to use the full weight of the justice system against those that attack and injure law enforcement officers. By making it a federal crime with a 10 year to life sentence for any assault on a law enforcement officer, criminals who perpetrate acts of targeted violence against law enforcement officers may take pause before committing those acts. This would send a clear and strong message that acts of targeted violence against law enforcement officers will not go unanswered.

In the anti-police climate of today, where calls to defund the police are embraced by policymakers, letting violent criminals out of jail is accepted and the decriminalization of violent crimes are a matter of course, the need for the “Protect and Serve Act” is more pressing than ever. We appreciate your continued leadership on this bill and look forward to working with your office to see this important officer safety legislation signed into law.

Sincerely,
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