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Representative Steve Knight  
United States House of Representatives  
1023 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Knight,

The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) – the non-partisan, not-for-profit professional association representing more than 25,000 law enforcement officers across 65 federal agencies – is pleased to publicly endorse H.R. 5307, the *School Training, Equipment, and Protection Act of 2018*, or *STEP Act*.

FLEOA is committed to advocating policies and practices that support law enforcement personnel in keeping the peace and ensuring the safety of our communities. As we all have seen in recent news, schools are all-too-often chosen as “soft targets” upon which criminals can execute their heinous acts of violence.

The *STEP Act* will specifically designate federal funds to assist schools in adequately educating, training, and equipping faculty to safely respond to active shooter situations. In addition, through training exercises, this bill would foster greater cooperation between school districts and local law enforcement agencies, further improving preparedness for both faculty and students.

If passed into law, the *STEP Act* will significantly improve school safety and help ensure children have a safe place to learn, play, and grow. FLEOA would like to thank you for introducing this legislation and strongly encourages other lawmakers to support its passage.

Sincerely,

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