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## FLEOA reminds House Judiciary Committee Majority Members of the Purpose of Police Week

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Washington, D.C. – Nathan Catura, President of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), issued the following statement regarding the message of Police Week in response to House Committee on Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler's letter to Attorney General William Barr.

**“Today is National Peace Officers Memorial Day, where we honor the fallen in our nation and the families left behind,”** Catura explained, **“Instead of honoring law enforcement by passing a slate of law enforcement supportive legislation, this year, the House of Representatives is only planning to pass one piece of legislation- the Bullet Proof Vest Reauthorization Act. While FLEOA support this critical legislation, it is simply not enough, particularly in the context of other actions taken by members of the House this week.”**

**“Instead of honoring law enforcement and their families this week, members of the House of Representatives in particular have opted to pursue highly polarizing and politically spectacular hearings in which they question law enforcement motives and operations.”** Catura continues, **“Additionally, as FLEOA attended the COPS Blue Gala last night, hosted by COPS, a tremendous organization dedicated to taking care of families left behind to ensure they know they are never forgotten, the House Judiciary Committee sent a letter to Attorney General William Barr questioning the number of police shootings, use of force by police, and violence police are allegedly perpetrating against the public.”**

**“Over the past few years, Police Week and this day were sacred. Our Congress would pass numerous bills in direct support of law enforcement. In 2018, Congress passed six bills supporting law enforcement, including one rule bill. In 2017, nine bills, including two rule bills. In 2016, eight bills, including two rule bills.”** Catura explained, **“This year, instead of honoring law enforcement, Congress only chose to show one token of appreciation- and then attacked our dedicated protectors of the public.”**

Catura concluded, **“Congress and the House Judiciary Committee should be ashamed of their conduct. FLEOA demands that Chairman Nadler and the cosigned members of Congress retract their letter and issue a full apology for the blatant attack of law enforcement. Congress should focus on doing their job and supporting law enforcement, particularly on the most sacred day of the law enforcement calendar year.”**

FLEOA is the nation's largest non-partisan, not-for-profit professional association representing more than 27,000 federal law enforcement officers and agents across 65 federal agencies.

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