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FLEOA ON WHITE HOUSE FENCE BREACH *2014 Report Recommendations Can No Longer Be Ignored*

(Washington, D.C.) – Following the recent fence breach at the White House, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) issued a statement on the incident and how this latest occurrence reinforces the need for Congress, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Administration to fully support, fund and implement all recommendations from the 2014 United States Secret Service Protective Mission Panel Report, with the top recommendation being to "raise the White House fence, raise it now."

FLEOA President Nathan Catura stated:

“It is now 2017 and the funding for a new and higher fence that would discourage this type of dangerous behavior was only just appropriated, with construction of the fence to commence later this year - three years after the Panel Report’s recommendations.

“This is an untenable situation and smacks of a lack of prioritization of what is most important: protecting the President of the United States. It is an act of malfeasance that our government did not immediately fully support every facet of the 2014 report, especially its top recommendation to raise the White House fence.

“Lacking this basic security enhancement places the Secret Service personnel, White House staff and especially the President in a higher risk situation that could have and should have been mitigated in 2014.

"Instead of attacking the work of the Secret Service and the bravery of its personnel – who are forced to respond to and stop these threats – our government should stop wringing their hands and give the agency and its personnel all of the support it requires to do as the American people have asked: keep the President safe.”

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