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April 14, 2016

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Chairman, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
Dirksen Bldg, Room 224  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy  
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee  
United States Senate  
Dirksen Bldg, Room 152  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

On behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), I strongly endorse S. 2781, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act of 2016, introduced by Senator David Perdue. It is critically important that our training "Centers of Excellence" receive the funding and resources necessary to ensure the continuity of optimal training for law enforcement. The four FLETC locations collectively provide training to more law enforcement officers than any other academy in the world. This bill will ensure that both new and seasoned law enforcement officers will have consistent access to the superior training that is needed.

The bill ensures a commitment to the invaluable programs, facilities and instructors that are essential to sustained excellence in training. Director Connie Patrick is an internationally recognized leader in the law enforcement training arena, and we support her position in having the discretionary authorities afforded in the bill.

In light of the increase in terrorism related threats, and the vast variety of crimes associated with it, it is critically important for our law enforcement officers to receive the most current, in depth training, to support them in carrying out their missions. This includes cyber and financial investigations, and tactical areas of training as well. Our law enforcement first responders need to be active-shooter ready, and this bill will ensure that our Officers and Agents receive the proper training.

We all know that terrorists and violent criminals will not take pause, and this bill will ensure that Congressional funding and commitment to the best law enforcement training will not take pause either. We therefore respectfully ask that you demonstrate your commitment to law enforcement training

and readiness by actively supporting the passage of S. 2781. With the approach of National Police Week, your support for this bill would resonate with our nation's law enforcement officers.

Please contact me directly, should you have any questions regarding law enforcement training demands, and the excellent training provided by the respective FLETC's.

Respectfully yours,

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Cc: Senator David Perdue