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Attorney General Jeff Sessions
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Dear Attorney General Sessions:

I would like to take this opportunity to endorse the Department of Justice (DOJ) Updates to Civil Asset Forfeiture. The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) is a not-for-profit, non-partisan professional association which represents more than 26,000 Federal Law Enforcement officers and agents from 65 federal agencies.

One of the most frequent remarks made by our members has been regret that this valuable program had been rolled back by the previous administration. FLEOA believes that Civil Asset Forfeiture is a valuable law enforcement tool in anti-drug, gang and fraud prevention. In an era when illegal drug trafficking has dramatically increased, the forfeiture of illegal assets serves as both a deterrent and source of revenue to assist in the suppression of criminal enterprises. In addition, many federal agencies partner with state, local and tribal law enforcement and often transfer these forfeited assets to departments with limited resources.

FLEOA is aware of past criticism of this program and applauds the procedural refinements included in these updates. For example, the mandatory DOJ training and accelerated reporting and swifter scheduling of hearings will provide protections and alleviate negative public opinions.

In conclusion, FLEOA appreciates being included in the roll out of these new guidelines and endorses their implementation. If myself or any of our members can be of assistance in implementing these new guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your leadership on this matter.

Respectfully,

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