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FLEOA DEFENDS SECRET SERVICE

Amidst old news resurfacing, FLEOA asserts their commitment to USSS

(Washington, D.C.) – Today, the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) – whose membership includes the patriotic men of women of the United States Secret Service, both in the Special Agent and Uniformed Division ranks – issued a statement of response, refuting the assertions made in the media about the issues revealed in this individuals Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

National President Nathan Catura said:

"For several years now, the Secret Service has been put under an unrelenting microscope. A proud agency that does one of the most patriotic duties in the United States has been repeatedly dragged through the refuse pile, in many cases for dubious and uncertain reasons. While we do support the imperative that all law enforcement officers be held to the highest standards, several Congressional and Office of Inspector General reports have revealed one glaring fact: the Secret Service is comprised of humans who sometimes err, but isolated mistakes do not undo this agency's legacy of honor.

"What it has also revealed is that over the last few years under Director Clancy's leadership, the agency has taken steps to address these issues and terminate those employees who do not uphold the honor that was bestowed upon them.

"These reports have also revealed that the Agency is vastly overworked, understaffed and under-appreciated. With all-time staffing lows, they are conducting one of the most dynamic and intensive presidential campaigns in modern history – putting their lives on the line everyday with minimal resources thanks to a lack of Congressional budget support. In 2017, the agency stands to received close to \$200 million less in funding than it received in 2016. Yet, there seems to be no valid reason for this cut to an agency that is re-building itself.

"Now we have individuals for questionable reasons dredging up old news and once again trying to batter an agency and its personnel while they are in the heat of battle during this unprecedented campaign season.

"Instead of spending \$100,000 to get information that was already known, perhaps this individual and her wealthy family could have sent that money to the FLEOA Foundation or Dallas Police fund to support

officers injured and killed in the line of duty keeping their North Dallas mansion safe.”

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