



July 27, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representative
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), we write to express our serious concerns with some of the provisions contained in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) appropriations bill, which could prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies from receiving federal funds to support their public safety mission.

The FOP and the IACP are committed to making meaningful changes to our criminal justice system and have been engaging in a good faith effort to work with members of the House and Senate on police reform. The current police reform provisions contained in the FY 2022 CJS appropriations bill do not belong in an appropriations bill, and we urge the House to remove these provisions. Keeping these police provisions in the bill would undermine much of the progress that has been made by House and Senate leaders who are hard at work with the FOP and IACP in developing comprehensive and meaningful police reform. These efforts need greater support, and the House should not short-circuit the process by imposing new conditions on grant programs without careful consideration and review.

We appreciate that the House FY 2022 CJS appropriations bill continues to support important state and local law enforcement assistance programs and recognizes the need for our law enforcement officers to regain the trust of the communities they serve, and prioritizes the Administration's goals of addressing violent crime, reducing gun violence, and law enforcement innovation. However, with the imposition of the conditions contained in the measure at this time, far too many police agencies would lose access to the federal funding they need to keep their communities safe, at a time when violent crime is surging in so many localities across our nation.

On behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the largest and most prominent labor and management law enforcement organizations in the country, we urge the House to strike these harmful and restrictive provisions before the bill is transmitted to the Senate.

We thank you both for your consideration of our views on this issue and we remain committed to meaningful police reform. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues in further detail and stand ready to assist.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Yoes
National FOP President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Talucci". The signature is stylized with a large, rounded initial "V" and a long, sweeping underline.

Vincent Talucci
IACP Executive Director / CEO