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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

The **Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act** is a critical tool for retired law enforcement officers, allowing them to protect themselves and the public as trained, armed, and experienced retirees. I am not aware of any negative events occurring as a result of this legislation since its passage in 2004.

During the past year, the ability of retirees to qualify annually, as prescribed by the Act, has been hampered by the pandemic as well as the shortage of officers to staff range facilities due to civil unrest, the pandemic, and the larger than normal numbers of retiring officers. Travel has become especially difficult for officers who have moved from the states where they were employed.

Many states have relaxed CCW licensing for residents. Most of them require actual qualification only every few years, and in some cases, every five years.

In order to ease the burden on retired and previously qualified officers under the LEOSA, and the agencies from which they retired, I urge you to author an amendment to **Public Law 108-277 [1]** which would provide that any retired and qualified officer under this law who was qualified in 2019, remain qualified until December 2021.

Very Respectfully,

Sam A. Cabral
International President