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The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman  
United States House of Representatives  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
2056 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Jordan:

I am writing to express our opposition to the recently introduced bill, **H.R. 5240**, the “**Protect Peaceful Protests Act**”. This bill intends to limit the extent to which certain federal law enforcement agencies may be permitted to conduct law enforcement functions in a jurisdiction without the approval of such jurisdiction.

In many jurisdictions, local leaders have turned their backs on what they call “protests”, that are, in fact, burning and looting of businesses and government buildings. “Peaceful protests” do not result in law enforcement intervention. Federal officers must be allowed to protect the lives and property of the federal government and the people in instances where local leaders have abdicated their responsibilities to the public safety.

I can see no positive impact of such legislation and a downside that has prompted our heartfelt opposition.

Very Respectfully,

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