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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate SD-511
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Thune:


The International Union of Police Associations, AFL-CIO, strongly advocates for legislative action to amend the current requirements for honorably retired law enforcement officers to maintain their Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) permits. It is contained in **H.R. 2243**, the "**LEOSA Reform Act**". This bill has passed the House.

Currently, these dedicated former officers are mandated to requalify annually – more frequently than most civilians, who in many jurisdictions are required to requalify every two years or even longer. This annual requalification creates a significant and unnecessary burden, costing retired officers both time and money, and placing logistical demands on their former departments.

It is illogical that individuals with decades of rigorous and continuous firearms training as well as a proven commitment to firearm safety are required to demonstrate their proficiency more often than the general public.

We urge lawmakers to support and pass legislation that rectifies this inequity. We look forward to working with you and your staff as well as members of the Senate to achieve this goal.

Very Respectfully,


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