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The Honorable Ashley B. Moody
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Moody,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for S.5644, which would amend the Bank Secrecy Act to exempt cash reward payments by crime stopper organizations from certain currency transaction reports.

Crime Stoppers serves as a force multiplier for law enforcement by providing people with the means to anonymously share any information they have about crimes committed, sometimes in exchange for a cash reward. In turn, these tips can help solve crimes and keep our communities safe.

Currently, some Crime Stoppers programs are having trouble working with banks because of concerns that processing anonymous reward payments may create Federal reporting or compliance obligations under the Bank Secrecy Act, leading some banks to stop working with Crime Stoppers programs and creating barriers to paying approved rewards while still protecting tipsters' identities. If Crime Stoppers cannot protect anonymity, fewer people may be willing to assist due to fear of reprisal.

This legislation would address this issue by amending current law to make clear that banks will not face any legal jeopardy by cooperating with Crime Stoppers programs that protect the identities of any reward recipients.

On behalf of the more than 382,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, thank you for your leadership on this important issue. If I can be of any help or provide additional information in support of this legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.

Sincerely,

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