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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to request your support for passage of H.R. 3150, the "Secure Transportation for America Act."

This legislation represents the right approach to establishing tough new security measures to make our airports and airplanes safer. Specifically, the bill will expand the Federal Air Marshall Program, ensure that Federal employees will supervise and manage personnel performing security screening functions, and require a Federal law enforcement officer to be stationed at every screening location.

But most importantly, it will facilitate hiring from the vast reservoir of retired Federal, State and local law enforcement officers who can continue to be of service to their nation. These brave men and women have been contacting us every day, expressing their willingness to step up, and do what ever is necessary to protect and serve their fellow citizens.

On behalf of the more than 299,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you in advance for your attention to our concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with any additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Jim Pasco
Executive Director