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IBPO ENDORSES YOUNG-MICA, H.R. 3150

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The International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO) represents over 40,000 police officers across the country, including officers who protect the Atlanta, Charlotte and Worcester, Massachusetts airports. The IBPO endorses the principles embodied in the Young-Mica Bill (H.R. 3150) as bringing the best standards of airport security to the United States.

Unlike the Ganske Bill, the Young-Mica Bill will not fragment the law enforcement effort needed at our nation's airports. Young-Mica recognizes that state and local law enforcement have jurisdiction at the terminals, parking garages, approaches, and tarmacs of our airports. We do not need to create a Federal law enforcement jurisdiction 50 feet each side of an X-Ray Screening machine. A Federal enforcement agent from the DOT, ensuring that screening standards are being upheld, is entirely appropriate and is the method in the Young-Mica Bill.

Local airport law enforcement is in a Chain of Command that allows the Executive Director of the airport to manage his or her facility. An Airport Executive Director does not need two distinct security forces on their facility – one reporting to him and the Chief of Police-responsible for the airport's security, and another, that reports to someone in Washington, DC.

Young-Mica creates the proper strong Federal presence in aviation security-training and certifying the companies and individuals involved in passenger screening, and an ongoing oversight to ensure that the standards are being complied with on a daily basis.