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The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for a bill you intend to introduce this week entitled, the “Federal Firearms Licensee Protection Act.”

According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), more than 31,500 firearms have been stolen from Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) in burglaries and robberies over the last five years—more than 8,000 in 2017 alone.

These stolen firearms invariably turn up in other crimes and present a real danger to public safety. The legislation you intend to introduce would impose a minimum sentence for a successful conviction of not less than three years for burglary and five years for robbery. This is a significant reinforcement of Federal law which will help deter both first-time and repeat offenders and ensure those convicted of these crimes serve serious time.

On behalf of the more than 348,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, we thank you for your leadership on this issue. If I can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

Chuck Canterbury
National President