Federal Bureau of Investigation

Agents Association

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The Honorable Don Bacon U.S. House of Representatives 1024 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: LEOSA Reform Act

Dear Congressman Bacon:

On behalf of the FBI Agents Association ("FBIAA"), the voluntary professional association representing over 14,000 active and retired FBI Special Agents, I write to express our support for your reintroduction of the *LEOSA Reform Act*. Your legislation would make a range of important improvements to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act ("LEOSA"), and we greatly appreciate your efforts on this issue.

The FBIAA has been a strong supporter of LEOSA since its enactment in 2004. Unfortunately, since its adoption a number of inconsistencies between LEOSA and other laws, such as laws regarding gun "Gun Free School Zones" and national parks, have created confusion and potential risks for otherwise qualified and experienced law enforcement officers carrying firearms in accord with LEOSA.

The *LEOSA Reform Act* would address these problems and help ensure that LEOSA operates in the manner that Congress intended. Accordingly, the FBIAA looks forward to working with you and Congress on these important reforms.

Sincerely,

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