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Congressman Donald Bacon  
1024 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

January 25, 2019

RE: Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) Improvement legislation

Dear Congressman Bacon

I represent approximately 650 retired law enforcement officers from the Port Authority Police of New York and New Jersey. On behalf of our President, Officers, and Members, I would like to thank you for your continued support and work toward improving LEOSA.

We would like to join our fellow active and retired law enforcement officers from agencies throughout the United States in offering our support to you in introducing and passing much needed legislation to improve the provisions and language of LEOSA.

I am not certain if you are aware, but in New Jersey we are having difficulty in convincing the State Attorney General that LEOSA applies to retired law enforcement officers who reside in New Jersey. It is their opinion that LEOSA only applies to law enforcement officers "passing through" New Jersey, which we know is not the case. The legislative intent of LEOSA is clear.

The State of New Jersey refuses to recognize LEOSA and continues to deny retired law enforcement officers, who are qualified under the provisions of LEOSA and who reside in the state, the right to continue to carry a concealed firearm for self-protection and the protection of others once the retired officers reach the age of 75.

The State of New Jersey also requires that retired law enforcement officers, who are qualified under the provisions of LEOSA, apply for and receive state approval in the form of a firearm carry permit, before they are permitted to carry a concealed firearm. They also refuse to acknowledge the fact that retired law enforcement officers who qualify under the provisions of

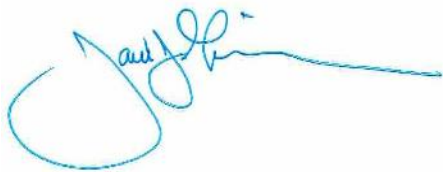
LEOSA, who reside in New Jersey are exempt from New Jersey ammunition restriction regarding the use of hollow point ammunition.

In the State of New Jersey we are continually attempting to resolve these issues, and hopefully will be successful. However, any assistance you and the legislature can provide to the active and retired law enforcement community is greatly appreciated.

Please inform us if our organization can provide any assistance in getting LEOSA improvement passed and signed into law.

Again, we express our sincere gratitude for your continued support of all the active and retired law enforcement officers in our great nation, and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jack J. Giordano", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jack J. Giordano  
Retired Police Officer  
Port Authority Retired Police Association  
HR 218 Committee Chairman

CC: John M. McDevitt, President PARPA  
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