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The Honorable Trey Gowdy
Chairman, Committee on Oversight
& Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Elijah Cummings
Ranking Member, Committee on
Oversight & Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Representative Cummings:

On behalf of the more than 27,000 members of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, I write to advise you of our strong support for H.R. 3731, the "Secret Service Recruitment and Retention Act of 2017."

FLEOA greatly appreciates your efforts, and those of your colleagues on the Homeland Security and Judiciary Committees, to equitably address the overtime and pay-cap issues currently faced by U.S. Secret Service (USSS) Special Agents. We are particularly grateful for the priority the Committee has placed on this issue, and the speed with which you have moved to consider H.R. 3731. This legislation is critical to the bipartisan work that you and our organization are doing to ensure that these brave men and women are compensated for the inordinate amount of overtime they provide in service to our nation and its security.

As we noted in our testimony before the Committee last year, while the overtime demands placed on Agents in 2016 and 2017 have been unprecedented in many respects they are unlikely to prove unique in the years ahead. We are therefore also grateful for the inclusion of language in this legislation to ensure that the USSS is properly staffed in the future. And we look forward to continuing to work with you to develop a more permanent solution to the effect that the pay cap has on the agency, as well as law enforcement officers across the federal government.

On behalf of the membership of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, thank you again for your support of the men and women of the USSS and your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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National President

CC: Hon. Michael McCaul, Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security
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Hon. John Katko, Chairman, Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security
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