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Dear Day on the Hill Participant,

Welcome to our annual *Day on the Hill*! For the first time in two years, the Capitol is open to the public. This week, our members will once again be able to meet with their Senators and Representatives, look them in the eye, and speak to them in person about our top legislative priorities.

The Democrats control the U.S. Senate, but control of the U.S. House of Representatives shifted to the Republicans. The new majority, however, is narrow and fractured—for the first time in more than 150 years it took 15 ballots to elect a Speaker of the House. Getting legislation through the House will be a real challenge in the 118th Congress, but we moved a lot of legislation in the previous Congress, and I am confident we can do so again over the next two years.

With your help, I believe we can make real progress on the FOP's legislative agenda in the House and Senate. Our success, however, comes down to YOU! We will need your help at the grassroots level to ensure our message gets through. Your participation this week is only a small part of our advocacy program. If we are to succeed, we need all our members to build, strengthen, and sustain their relationships with their Senators and Representatives. Members of Congress need to know that FOP members are active voters in their States and districts and will be watching them carefully. Make it clear that you and your members will hold them accountable.

And while Congress may have changed, our priorities have not. We made history by getting 305 Members of the House to cosponsor the "Social Security Fairness Act" and came very close to getting a vote on the floor of the House. We will build on this success and get even further in this Congress.

We also reached a milestone with the "Law Enforcement Equity Act" by reaching more than 100 cosponsors on this priority. In this Congress, we expect to our collective bargaining bill, the "Public Safety Officers' Employer-Employee Cooperation Act," to be introduced in both chambers. We will once again be working with our partners at the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to get our collective bargaining rights recognized in every State.

We will also be working to pass the "Protect and Serve Act," the LEOSA Reform Act," and the "HELPER Act" in this Congress.

While we are grateful for your participation this week, please remember that genuine grassroots activism is not a one or two-day event. The key to being effective in the

future is to grow the relationships with the individuals you meet this week. Follow-up! Make contact again with the Members and staffers you interact with during this event, even if it is just to thank them for their time. Each contact you have with them will reinforce the progress you made and make our efforts here more productive in generating strong and active support for our issues.

I also want to ask you and your lodge brothers and sisters to support the National Fraternal Order of Police Political Action Committee (NFOP PAC), which, like our grassroots activism, is an essential part of our National Legislative Program. The NFOP PAC allows us to support candidates who support our members and our profession. We need to increase member participation in our payroll deduction and monthly recurring credit card programs. Please take this request back to your local and State Lodges and help us grow our PAC and amplify our voice in the nation's capital.

On behalf of your more than 364,000 brothers and sisters in the Fraternal Order of Police, I want to thank you for taking the time to be part of *Day on the Hill* 2023!

Sincerely,

Patrick Yoes National President