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The Honorable Trent Franks
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim Costa
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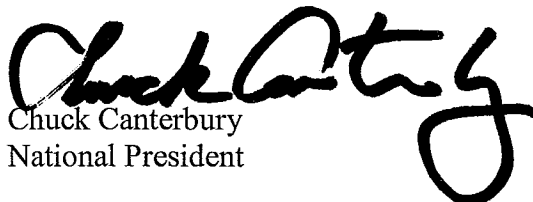
Dear Representatives Franks and Costa,

I am writing to you on behalf of the more than 330,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for both your efforts on behalf of crime victims.

The rights of criminals are clearly enshrined in the United States Constitution. The rights of victims, however, are not. In States where victims' rights laws have been enacted, they are often trumped by the constitutional rights of the criminals who victimized them. This is both unfair and unjust. It is important to continue the discussion on this issue to ensure victims receive fair and equal treatment.

It is time we recognized that there are others besides criminals who also deserve to have their rights protected in the criminal justice system. On behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police, I would like to thank you both for your leadership on this issue. If I can be of assistance, please contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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