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The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
Chairman, Homeland Security Committee
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The Honorable Peter King
Ranking Member, Homeland Security Committee
House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Thompson and Ranking Member King:

As the National President of the 26,000 members of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), I fully support the recent move of the Federal Protective Service to the National Protection and Programs Directorate. Furthermore, I endorse Secretary Napolitano's position that this move will empower the Department's "infrastructure protection mission."

While we're all aware of the past criticism that has been levied against FPS, I am confident that Director Schenkel will do an outstanding job merging the agency's mission with the NPPD. He continues to lead a dedicated workforce that has done a commendable job securing GSA-owned and leased facilities, and protecting its occupants. As government buildings will continue to be targeted by terrorist groups, I'm glad that we'll finally be combining the Intel with the muscle to strengthen our infrastructure defenses.

I respectfully ask that your committee support any future discussion that will reinforce the need to fund FPS via a hybrid funding mechanism between GSA and DHS. FPS' mission is formidable and the agency deserves the proper level of funding to carry it out. The FLEOA membership thanks you for your support.

Respectfully,

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