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Dear Congressman Forbes:

On behalf of the National Rifle Association, I am writing to express our support for **H.R. 3752, the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Improvements Act**, which would improve the law relating to the carrying of concealed firearms by qualified active and retired law enforcement officers.

In 2004, Congress passed the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) to permit qualified retired or current law enforcement officers to carry concealed firearms nationwide in order to increase public safety. Since its enactment in 2004, it has become clear that officers have suffered from inconsistent certification processes from state to state. In many cases, the confusing process and bureaucratic red tape has complicated the implementation of the law. Your legislation proposes reasonable changes that will allow qualified active and retired law enforcement officers to comply more with the law.

H.R. 3752 includes several important updates and changes. If passed and enacted, state certified firearms instructors will be able to qualify retired officers in firearms training. It would also allow officers who have left their departments in good standing after completing at least ten years of service to carry a concealed firearm. H.R. 3752 also makes clear its applicability to Amtrak officers, law enforcement officers of the Federal Reserve System, law enforcement officers for a branch of the United States armed forces, and law enforcement officers in the Executive branch of the Federal Government.

The NRA endorses and supports H.R. 3752, the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Improvements Act. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in passing this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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