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DC Police Union Commends “CLEAN D.C. Act” to Repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act

WASHINGTON, DC — The D.C. Police Union, representing 3,000 dedicated officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), expresses profound gratitude to Congressman Andrew Clyde and Senator Ted Cruz for their steadfast leadership in introducing The CLEAN D.C. Act in the [House](#) and [Senate](#). This bill aims to repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Act, a misguided and harmful law that has plagued our city's public safety since its enactment.

For over five years, our Union has relentlessly opposed the CPJRAA, which was first introduced in the D.C. Council in 2020 as emergency legislation. It strips officers of essential due process rights, undermines collective bargaining, limits non-lethal tools during civil unrest, and has fueled a devastating staffing crisis. Since its passage, MPD has hemorrhaged over 2,000 officers through resignations and retirements, leaving our force critically understaffed and unable to adequately protect vulnerable communities or respond to emergencies.

In 2023, Congress took bipartisan action with [H.J. Res. 42](#) to disapprove this law after Mayor Bowser's veto was overridden by the Council. The resolution passed the House 229-189 and the Senate 56-43, but President Biden's veto allowed this pro-criminal policy to become permanent, exacerbating crime surges across the District. Homicides, assaults, carjackings, and other violent crimes have skyrocketed. Our officers are stretched thin and residents deserve better than policies that prioritize rhetoric over reality.

On August 11, 2025, President Trump announced a federal takeover of the Metropolitan Police Department and deployed National Guard troops to combat the escalating crime crisis in our Nation's Capital. Since this intervention, significant reductions in crime have been observed, [including a 30% drop in overall crime rates](#). The repeal of this bill will most certainly make those positive developments permanent.

"This new repeal effort is a critical step toward restoring common-sense law enforcement in our Nation's Capital," said D.C. Police Union Chairman Gregg Pemberton. "The Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Act has not reformed anything, it has enabled lawlessness, endangered officers and their families, and driven away the very professionals needed to keep D.C. safe. We urge all members of Congress to pass The CLEAN D.C. Act with the same bipartisan resolve shown in 2023, and we call on the President to sign it into law. Our city cannot afford another day of this failed experiment."

The D.C. Police Union remains committed to work with lawmakers on solutions that prioritize public safety for all who live, work, and visit Washington, D.C.