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D.C. POLICE UNION STRONGLY ENDORSES H.R. 5107, THE CLEAN D.C. ACT - Urges Congress to Repeal Harmful 2022 Policing Law as House Prepares to Vote

Washington, D.C. – November 19, 2025 – The D.C. Police Union, representing more than 3,000 active officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), today reiterated its full-throated support for H.R. 5107, the CLEAN D.C. Act, introduced by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA). The legislation would fully repeal the controversial Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (CPJRAA), a D.C. Council measure that has devastated officer morale, gutted due-process protections, and contributed to a historic exodus of experienced police personnel.

Since the CPJRAA took permanent effect, MPD has lost more than 2,000 officers to retirement and resignation, leaving the department understaffed by more than 800 positions and unable to keep pace with surging violent crime. Carjackings, homicides, and assaults skyrocketed in the years following the law's enactment.

"The D.C. Council brought this crisis upon itself with its radical, defund-era obsession that treated dedicated law-enforcement professionals as the enemy," stated Gregg Pemberton, Chairman of the police union. "For five years we warned them that stripping away due process, banning proven less-lethal tools, and undermining collective bargaining would drive good officers out the door and embolden criminals. They ignored us, overrode Mayor Bowser's veto, and forced a dangerous experiment on the residents of our nation's capital. The results speak for themselves, thousands of officers are gone and families are living in fear. H.R. 5107 is the clean break we need to restore common-sense policing and reduce crime in the District."

In 2023, Congress voted on a bipartisan basis to disapprove the CPJRAA (House 229-189, Senate 56-43), only to see the measure defeated by President Biden's veto. The D.C. Police Union is calling on members of both parties to finish the job today and send the CLEAN D.C. Act to the President's desk with overwhelming support.

"The men and women of MPD put their lives on the line every day for this city," Pemberton continued. "Passing H.R. 5107 isn't about politics, it's about giving our officers the tools, protections, and respect they need to protect the public. Our city cannot afford another day of this failed experiment."

The D.C. Police Union remains committed to partnering with both local and federal lawmakers on solutions that rebuild a fully staffed MPD, restore public trust, and ensure safety for all who live, work, and visit Washington, D.C. Immediate passage of H.R. 5107 is the non-negotiable next step toward that goal.