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Congressman Scott Peters
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Peters:

The Deputy Sheriffs' Association of San Diego County wholeheartedly endorses HR 2722, the Providing Child Care for Police Officers Act.

We are grateful for your leadership in crafting this important legislation, and for your efforts to build the support necessary within Congress to win passage.

Recruitment and retention are the toughest challenges facing law enforcement agencies today, and the difficulty that young officers and their families face in finding quality, affordable childcare only makes these recruitment problems worse.

As you know, police officers and deputy sheriffs have particular difficulty in finding childcare because of their work schedules, which most often include mandatory overtime, night shifts and weekend hours.

Your legislation would establish a pilot grant program to facilitate partnerships between local governments and law enforcement agencies that are working to provide childcare services for law enforcement officers, with grants of up to \$3M to assist the agencies in establishing and operating childcare programs.

At a time when so many factors and obstacles serve to discourage young people from serving their communities as peace officers, your bill promotes a real solution that may allow more young people to join this honorable profession, and for that, you have our thanks.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Deane
President