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GUN VIOLENCE RESEARCH ACT OF 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence (The Partnership) urges the Congress to support the Gun Violence Research Act of 2017, (HR 1478) a bill introduced on March 9, 2017 by Representative Stephanie Murphy (D-FL) that would lift restrictions on gun violence research at the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Our partner organizations are committed to data focused, intelligence led policing in the communities they serve. Evidence based decision making is now recognized as essential in all areas of public safety leadership, including resource allocation, staffing, personnel and equipment acquisition. Lack of sound, scientifically valid data may lead to misspent time, money and human capital. Instead, we should rely on rigorous, focused research to guide agencies’ activities to curb gun violence.

Supporting research into the causes and solutions to gun violence as set forth in the Gun Violence Research Act of 2017, H.R. 1478, is a common-sense solution to providing safer communities for our citizens and police officers.
The National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence (www.lepartnership.org) includes nine national law enforcement organizations dedicated to serving the Nation’s more than 900,000 sworn law enforcement officers and professional staff.

The Partnership Includes:

- Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA)
- Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA)
- International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA)
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)
- National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives (NAWLEE)
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
- Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)
- Police Foundation (PF)