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On behalf of the D.C. Police Union, representing 3,000 dedicated officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), I am writing in support of H.J.Res. 142 - Disapproving the decision of the District of Columbia Council to approve the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025.

As you are aware, the D.C. Council passed the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025 (D.C. Act 26–217) to deny District residents and businesses the local tax conforming impacts of several tax benefit provisions of the Working Families Tax Cut Act (WFTCA) (P.L. 119-21) including the elimination of tax on overtime pay. This misguided decision will disproportionately impact MPD officers who serve our city day in and day out, jeopardizing public safety in our Nation’s Capital.

As of December 2025, the MPD has 3,043 sworn officers, down almost 1000 officers from the 4,000 officer goal set by Mayor Bowser. This decline can be directly attributed to the passage of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendments Act (CPJRAA) of 2022 and the elimination of critical union rights, onerous restrictions placed on officers, and limited ability to safely police the city that came with that legislation. Congress was able to pass a repeal of this law in 2023, however, then-President Biden vetoed Congress’s action. As a result, the MPD is continuing to decline in numbers and President Trump was forced to augment the force with federal officers.

Until the CPJRAA can be repealed, MPD officers will be expected to work mandatory – sometimes unplanned – overtime hours to make sure there is adequate law enforcement to keep the city and its residents safe. In FY2025, that meant over 1.7 million overtime hours worked by our officers. While we are grateful to Congress and President Trump for the elimination of the tax on these overtime hours for federal purposes, combined with the DC City Council’s decision, these changes will create additional time and complication when it comes to filing local taxes.

The Council transmitted D.C. Act 26-217 to the House for Congressional review on December 30, 2025 and the bill is positioned to become D.C. law on February 23, 2026 unless Congress blocks its enactment by exercising its authority provided under the D.C. Home Rule Act.

We encourage Congress to vote yes on H.J.Res 142 to repeal D.C. Act 26-217 so those who protect and serve are not forced to once again come back to Capitol Hill for a more difficult fix down the line – as we have continued to do with the CPJRAA through the CLEAN DC Act.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025 or the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendments Act (CPJRAA) of 2022 and the CLEAN DC Act. We look forward to continuing to work alongside Congress to ensure Washington, D.C. is a safe place to work, live, and visit for all Americans.

Sincerely,



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