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The Honorable Robert E. Latta
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Dear Congressman Latta

DAVID M. LATIMER III (SC)
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On behalf of the National Troopers Coalition (NTC) and its 45,000 State Troopers and Highway Enforcement Officers, I would voice our support for your efforts to amend the State and Local Law Enforcement Hatch Act Reform Act of 2011 to allow law enforcement officers to participate in the political process.

THOMAS H. MUNGEER (NY)
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The NTC supports the State and Local Law Enforcement Hatch Act Reform Act of 2011 and its legislative intent which includes: amending "current law (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508) known as the Hatch Act to 1) allow state and local law enforcement officers to be a candidate for the Office of Sheriff-an elected Office -without being forced to quit their current job; 2) clarify current law to allow sheriffs to endorse political candidates without fear of potentially violating the Hatch Act; and 3) establish a statute of limitations of 6 months to file a claim against a state or local law enforcement officer for alleged violation of the Act."

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Troopers and Highway Patrol Officers take great pride in serving their communities and this service should not be limited. Attracting the best and brightest should be a goal for all elected offices and we believe restricting law enforcement professionals from running for elected office, as is the case with the current Hatch Act, is an antiquated law and does not serve the public well. We should encourage political engagement as long as this participation does not interfere with or affect the results of an election or nomination. We commend your efforts to amend the Hatch Act and look forward to supporting this important legislation.

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Please feel free to contact me should you seek further support. We commend your efforts.

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Sincerely,

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