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The Honorable John H. Rutherford  
1711 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: H.R. 2094 – SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Rutherford:

I am writing on behalf of the 16,000 members of the California Association of Highway Patrolmen (CAHP) to express our support for H.R. 2094, the “Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act.”

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has successfully operated and managed a home loan program for service members and veterans. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers a program called the Good Neighbor Next Door (GNND). This program encouraged law enforcement professionals to purchase homes in certain areas, mostly in locations with numerous difficulties, by providing incentives and discounts to purchase a home. Unfortunately, this program did not provide an adequate number of houses and was not widely used.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has suffered recruitment and retention difficulties. The CAHP men and women continue to work understaffed and extended hours, including long commutes, due to the lack of affordable housing in their assigned locations. California is the most populous state in the Nation. The majority of CAHP members work in densely populated urban cities. The CAHP firmly believes H.R. 2094 will provide affordable housing for law enforcement professionals to live where they work and will function as one of the solutions for the recruitment and retention problem.

On behalf of the men and women of the CAHP, I personally extend my gratitude and appreciation for authoring this important bill. Your leadership in Congress is essential to improving the lives of all Americans.

Respectfully,

JAKE JOHNSON  
President

Cc: California Congressional Delegation