



## New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union, Council 82

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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The New York State Law Enforcement Officers Union, Council 82, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Council 82), is honored to endorse and stand with you in your re-election as President of the United States. Council 82 represents over 3,500 Police Officers, Deputy Sheriffs, County Correction Officers, State Correction Lieutenants, Emergency Dispatchers, and other Public Safety personnel across New York State. Our endorsement of you recognizes your strong and unwavering support for law enforcement at a time when many politicians are either afraid or unwilling to do so and some of our fellow citizens vilify and even try to harm us. Your support has not gone unnoticed by us. We're grateful for that, and we will not forget it.

As citizens, we are impressed by your accomplishments and achievements on behalf of all of us in just one term – from igniting historic economic growth to negotiating better trade deals for our Country, from reinvigorating our Nation's energy sector to expanding everyone's healthcare options, from your focus on tackling the opioid crisis to your support for religious freedom and the Second Amendment, and from your determination to secure our borders to restoring American leadership in the world, making the world a better and more peaceful place, rebuilding our military, honoring our flag, and truly supporting our veterans. And as law enforcement officers, we are inspired by your clear commitment to making our communities safe and secure, to cracking down on violent gangs and rioters, to restoring State and Local law enforcement grant monies for additional hiring and access to surplus equipment, and enhancing safe neighborhood and public safety partnership programs.

The men and women of Council 82 are some of the best law enforcement officers in our Nation – caring, compassionate, and professional people who leave the safety of their homes every day to serve and protect all of us and our communities. They respond call to call, day in and day out, in the face of pandemic health risks, calls to "defund" us, and rising violence against us. We need those in elected positions to be unafraid to stand with and stand up for law enforcement and all of those who want to be safe in their homes and in their communities. We need those in elected positions to be unafraid to do or say something on behalf of law enforcement to calm the reckless and escalating anti-police rhetoric across this Nation. Mr. President, you are that person and you have always been that person. Unbelievably, the House of Representatives recently introduced and voted in favor of the dangerous and ill-advised "Justice in Policing Act" – an act which we believe would make it nearly impossible for us to properly protect our communities, to return to our families each day, or to provide for their future. Not a single one of us is opposed to legitimate reform, but we all stand against proposed reforms that would purposefully put law enforcement officers in harm's way. We're glad that you're standing with us.

This election is so important for law enforcement and for our families. Council 82 proudly supports your re-election for President of the United States, and we pledge to support you every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Ronald Wain

President, Council 82