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Senator John Cornyn  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

I am writing you on behalf of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA). FLEOA is a not for profit, non-partisan professional association which represents more than 26,000 Federal Law Enforcement officers and agents from 65 federal agencies. FLEOA strongly supports Senate Bill S.2135 the Fix NICS Act of 2017.

As you are aware, federal law enforcement agencies are required to report information to the NICS background check system showing that a person is prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms. Recent events have demonstrated that failures in reporting information and the accuracy of information in NICS can have catastrophic consequences.

FLEOA applauds requiring federal and state agencies to develop implementation plans, holding agencies accountable, providing technical assistance and rewarding agencies and states that successfully comply. Since critical state information is critical to a successful system, your support of improving law enforcement programs to help state governments share criminal record information with NICS will be beneficial. FLEOA endorses the creation of a Domestic Abuse and Violence Prevention Initiative which will enhance the ability of preventing domestic abusers from purchasing firearms.

In conclusion, I believe that the Fix NICS bipartisan legislation will be a step in the right direction to fix shortcomings in the current NICS system. This will help protect law enforcement and citizens from dangerous individuals with access to firearms. This legislation improving NICS background check information could help prevent another mass shooting similar to Sutherland Springs in your state of Texas.

Sincerely,

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