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September 11, 2025

The Honorable Chris Deluzio U.S. House of Representatives 1222 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Deluzio,

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association (PCPA), I am writing to express our strong and unequivocal support for your proposed legislation, the Bipartisan Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Expansion Act.

The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership has long served as a vital lifeline for police departments across Pennsylvania and the nation, ensuring that officers are equipped with essential, life-saving protective gear. Your proposal to increase the federal cost-share from 50% to 60%, along with the reauthorization of \$60 million annually through fiscal year 2030, represents a meaningful and timely investment in public safety. These enhancements will be especially impactful for smaller and rural departments, which often face significant financial constraints.

Every day, law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to protect our communities. Ensuring they have access to proper protective equipment is not just a matter of safety — it's a moral obligation. This legislation reflects a bipartisan commitment to safeguarding those who serve and to reinforcing the trust between law enforcement and the communities they protect.

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The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association is proud to endorse this bill and stands ready to advocate for its swift passage. We sincerely appreciate your leadership and your continued dedication to law enforcement and community safety.

Respectfully,

## Scott L. Bohn

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