



June 8, 2022

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson, Chairman
The Honorable John Katko, Ranking Member
House Committee on Homeland Security
176 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter in Support of Board of Directors, Puerto Rico Police Union (PRPU)
Petition to the House Committee on Homeland Security

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Dear Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member,

On behalf of the Puerto Rico Police Union (PRPU), we are writing to respectfully ask for your support for their petition to assist the PRPU and the 3.2 million American citizens of Puerto Rico to address the significant deficiencies that exist within the law enforcement retirement system in the Island which has hindered the recruitment of new Police officers. This to avoid a developing security crisis on the most populous U.S. territory which could indirectly affect our National Security. Personnel shortfalls within the Puerto Rico Police Bureau (PRPB) have reached levels that is having an immediate adverse impact on public safety on the Island by limiting police capacity to address the myriad of threats from drugs and human trafficking to organized crime within the Caribbean Region.

Your prompt attention to the Puerto Rico Police Union's petition would go a long way towards ensuring that public safety in Puerto Rico, and our National Security remains a top priority to Congress and to the Government of Puerto Rico. We know that Members of the Committee on Homeland Security take matters of public safety seriously and that they share the belief that all Americans, regardless of where in the United States they may live, deserve to feel safe and to have a dignified retirement after service as law enforcement officers. Please act on this petition, because a safe Puerto Rico is a safe America.

Sincerely,

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