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The Honorable Patrick Murphy
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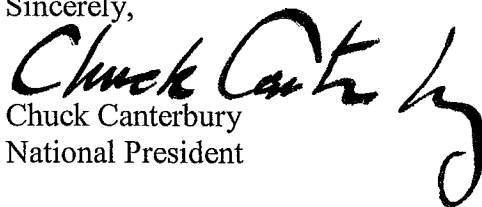
Dear Representative Murphy,

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 959, the "Officer Daniel Faulkner Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act." This legislation addresses the need to support the children of those law enforcement and other public safety officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe.

In 2008, 140 police officers were killed in the line of duty in the United States. While no amount of financial assistance can replace a loved one, providing children of fallen officers with Federal Pell Grants for their college education is a noble act. Your bill would make a college education more affordable by increasing the amount of Pell Grants to the children of fallen police officers and other public safety officers by eliminating the Expected Family Contribution in the Pell Grant eligibility formula.

On behalf of the more than 327,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I would like to thank you again for your leadership and support for law enforcement. If I can be of any additional help on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
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cc: Les Neri, President, Pennsylvania State Lodge