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Dear Colleague:

Thank you for supporting Hawley Amendment #2734 to S.Con.Res.14, the Budget Resolution, which allows for funding to hire 100,000 new law enforcement officers across the United States. Based on your vote, I'm pleased to extend the opportunity to cosponsor S.2246, the standalone version of the amendment you have already supported.

As you have recognized, putting 100,000 more officers on the beat is vitally important for public safety. Defunding the police is exactly wrong; we must *increase* funding for new cops. Violent crime in America is surging. Last year saw the highest annual increase in the murder rate in the United States in nearly six decades. And according to FBI data, fatal felony attacks on law enforcement officers have spiked over 50% so far this year.

At the same time, police departments are facing million-dollar budget cuts by local politicians, morale among officers has fallen to new lows, and towns and cities are struggling to retain good cops.

On the Senate floor, Senator Durbin eloquently reminded us of President Biden's support for a similar idea in the 1994 crime bill that he authored as a Senator. All but one member of the Senate Democratic Caucus supported my amendment in a roll call vote, and it passed overwhelmingly. I am thrilled there is near-unanimous support for increased funding for police and for putting more cops on the beat.

Due to your support for my amendment, I look forward to your cosponsorship of S.2246, which I have appended to this letter.

Sincerely,



Josh Hawley  
United States Senator