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## **Statement of Union Chairman Kenneth Spencer Regarding the IG Report on U.S. Park Police Officers' Use of Deadly Force Following a Pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway:**

***“The National Park Service and the Department of Interior have some explaining to do on the illegal actions they took against our police officers...”***

“After seven long years and millions of tax-payer dollars wasted, the Interior Department’s Office of the Inspector General finally released a report concluding what we knew all along – Officers Lucas Vinyard and Alejandro Amaya acted appropriately and within policy during the pursuit and officer-involved shooting incident in November of 2017 that began on the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

“With absolutely no support from the National Park Service, Officers Vinyard and Amaya were summarily demonized by the media, leading to countless state and federal investigations and, in turn, the destruction of their professional and personal reputations. Ultimately, in November of 2021, the NPS’ then-Visitor and Resource Protection Associate Director, Jennifer Flynn, with absolutely no legal basis and without the benefit of any administrative review, illegally proposed the removal of both officers from federal service.

“The National Park Service and the Department of Interior can no longer hide from their abusive treatment of our officers! Because of the unlawful and politically motivated administrative charges brought against Officers Amaya and Vinyard, and the blatant incompetence of Jennifer Flynn, we will be filing a complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel. Our police officers will no longer be idle victims of those who blame law enforcement first and ask questions later. Too many officers have their lives destroyed in the name of political gamesmanship. We will hold all parties within DOI and NPS who were involved in this labor-law-violating debacle accountable!”