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## **PARK POLICE UNION DENOUNCES SENATE LETTER AS DETACHED FROM REALITY: “Senators Ignored Years of Pleas for Help”**

The following statement is attributable to Kenneth Spencer, Chief of Staff for Government Affairs of the US Park Police Fraternal Order of Police (USPP FOP):

*“We strongly reject the suggestion in this letter that the Trump Administration is using U.S. Park Police officers to advance political goals. Our officers enforce the law that is on the books, regardless of who is in office, and they take deep offense at any implication to the contrary. We invite any Senator who signed this letter to ride with our officers, talk to residents, and see what is actually happening. Not one has asked. Claims that there is no increase in crime on Park Service land do not match what our officers handle every day. We respond to real incidents, real victims, and real threats across the National Capital Region. It is also hard to take this sudden concern seriously from Senators who stayed silent during the defund the police movement and ignored our pleas for help with a staffing crisis that has spanned administrations of both parties. Their inaction left officers understaffed, overextended, and less safe.”*

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