

NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



April 24, 2026

The Honorable Mark Kelly
U.S. Senate
516 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kelly:

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), representing 3,081 sheriffs and over 20,000 public safety professionals, we write to support S. 1752 Educational and Career Opportunities for Public Safety (EdCOPS) Act

Law enforcement agencies nationwide are facing serious recruitment and retention challenges. The EdCOPS Act provides a practical solution by offering education benefits that incentivize continued service and help attract qualified candidates to the profession.

By investing in officers and their families, this legislation strengthens the workforce and supports the long-term stability of public safety agencies.

We urge Congress to advance this important bill.

Sincerely,

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Sheriff Chris West
Canadian County, OK
President
National Sheriffs' Association

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Justin Smith
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