



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

February 11, 2026

The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald
U.S. House of Representatives
2444 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Fitzgerald,

On behalf of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), representing 3,081 sheriffs and over 20,000 public safety professionals including deputies, chiefs of police, and other law enforcement officials across the United States, we write to support H.R. 2189, the *Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act of 2025*.

H.R. 2189 modernizes the Gun Control Act by establishing a clear framework for less-lethal projectile devices, while preserving safeguards to ensure firearms capable of lethal modification remain appropriately regulated. By updating outdated definitions, the bill enables law enforcement agencies to adopt innovative de-escalation tools that enhance officer and community safety and provides a transparent review process for timely classification of these devices.

We urge continued momentum to advance H.R. 2189 and stand ready to support its passage. Thank you for your commitment to equipping law enforcement with the tools necessary to protect communities and save lives.

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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