



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Vern Buchanan
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Buchanan:

This letter presents the views of the Department of Justice on S. 83, the “Thin Blue Line Act,” as introduced in the Senate on January 14, 2025. The Department strongly supports this bill.

Combatting violent crime remains a priority of this Administration and holding violent criminals who attack and murder law enforcement accountable is paramount to those efforts. The Thin Blue Line Act would expand the list of statutory aggravating factors in death penalty cases to include killing, or targeting, a law enforcement officer, firefighter, or other first responder, either while engaged in official duties or because of his or her official duties, consistent with the priorities of this Administration.

We look forward to working with you in support of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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