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To Reduce Crime & Incarceration

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Police & Prosecutor Group: Downward Crime Trends Should Help Guide President's Upcoming Moves

New Analysis Shows Rates Remain Near Historic Lows

As President Donald Trump's first 100 days draws to a close, **Ronal Serpas, chairman of [Law Enforcement Leaders](#)** and former chief of police in New Orleans and Nashville, issued the following statement on how he can use new crime data to inform his next steps:

"Crime numbers [from the last quarter-century](#) show that crime rates are at all-times lows, though some cities have seen a rise in murder rates. Those few pockets of increased violence are troubling and must be addressed immediately, but they are not evidence of a national crime wave.

"In the President's first months in office, he and the Attorney General have expressed a desire to increase arrests, enforcement, and incarceration. We as law enforcement, however, know that this is not the most effective solution, especially when applied across the board. Instead, we need a targeted approach that focuses on reducing violent crime and addressing local problems in troubled cities. Federal resources are crucial to maintaining the near-historic lows in crime we have now, but not directing them toward our most immediate and dangerous threats wastes taxpayer dollars and has little impact on public safety."

In February, Law Enforcement Leaders released a [five-part policy agenda](#) laying out how the President and Attorney General can best reduce crime and promote public safety. Its first recommendation calls for the Justice Department to focus enforcement on violent and serious crimes.

To schedule an interview with Serpas or learn more about Law Enforcement Leaders, please contact Fiona Druge at Fiona.Druge@berlinrosen.com or (646) 755-6126.

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About Law Enforcement Leaders

[Law Enforcement Leaders](#) unites nearly 200 current and former police chiefs, sheriffs, federal and state prosecutors, and attorneys general from all 50 states to urge for a reduction in both crime and

incarceration. We believe that the country can reduce incarceration while keeping down crime, and we support changes to our criminal justice system to achieve that goal.

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