

National Coalition of Police and Prosecutors to Senate: Vote Yes on FIRST STEP Act

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New York, N.Y. – Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced today that the Senate will vote on the FIRST STEP Act in December. The criminal justice reform bill includes both prison and sentencing reforms. Supported by President Donald Trump, FIRST STEP would, among other reforms, create recidivism reduction programs, eliminate the "three strikes" law, reduce mandatory minimum sentences, and do away with overly long sentencing enhancements.

Ronal Serpas, Executive Director of <u>Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime & Incarceration</u>, and former Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department, issued the following statement:

"With a vote on the FIRST STEP Act now imminent, every senator will have the opportunity to say yes to changes in law and policy that are desperately needed. These reforms were forged through a shared, bipartisan desire to make our criminal justice system more fair and our country more safe. FIRST STEP will help police protect and serve their communities. It deserves everyone's vote."

For more information:

Law Enforcement Leaders' November 13 <u>letter to President Trump</u> in support of FIRST STEP

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