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The Honorable Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
2157 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Chaffetz, Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Cummings, and Ranking Member Carper:

The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) is the largest non-partisan professional association that exclusively represents over 28,000 current and retired federal law enforcement officers and special agents from over 65 federal agencies.

Below are FLEOA's concerns about the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) data breaches, our demands of the government, and a list of questions that remain unanswered.

1. OPM turned its back on Federal Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) when they failed to protect sensitive information from an inexcusable breach, and OPM's delayed and aloof response is a pathetic and irresponsible miscarriage of its obligations to affected Americans.
2. The very lives of federal Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) are now in danger, and the safety and security of innocent people—including LEO families—are now in jeopardy because of OPM's abysmal failure and its continuing ignorance of the severity of the breach.
3. The information lost includes personal, financial and location information of LEOs and their families leaving them vulnerable to attack and retaliation from criminals and terrorists currently or formerly investigated by the United States.

4. If one LEO or a family member is harmed or killed, OPM will have blood on their hands.
5. The information lost can lead to the theft of additional information on tens or hundreds of millions of Americans, and thousands of foreign nationals who do business with the United States.
6. OPM's failure threatens the lives of covert operatives and agents. In addition, this kind of information often is used to spy on or steal information against the United States.

FLEOA Demands:

1. FLEOA demands a full investigation by the FBI and other authorities external to OPM, with the possibility of criminal charges and civil lawsuits arising from its findings.
2. FLEOA demands that OPM provide long-term virtual and physical protections for those in danger, including lifetime credit and other monitoring to detect and prevent attacks by international adversaries, criminals and terrorists.
3. FLEOA demands an immediate overhaul of the security system used to store and access sensitive information, including firewalls, separate servers, proper authentication, and other state-of-the-art technology.
4. FLEOA demands immediate answers on exactly what information was breached so that LEOs can protect themselves.

Unanswered questions for OPM:

1. Exactly what information was stolen?
2. What is OPM going to do to provide for the safety and security of LEOs and their families now that their lives and financial security are in jeopardy?
3. When LEO's are at work, how will OPM keep their families safe?
4. Will OPM cover the costs or indemnify the individuals who suffer harm if their identity is stolen (employees, family, friends and others listed on stolen forms)?
5. It is illegal to release or improperly secure information. Who will be held accountable?
6. Why did OPM allow highly sensitive information accessible via an internet connection, without secure, separate servers and firewalls to protect employees?
7. There are a number of criminal justice information services that are completely accessible by its users but have never been breached because they are properly protected and firewalled. Why is OPM not using this strategy for some of the country's most sensitive information?

FLEOA appreciates the attentiveness of lawmakers and the House and Senate oversight committees to our unique concerns regarding officer safety and the safety of our families.

Sincerely,



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CC: The Honorable Elijah Cummings, Ranking Member, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
The Honorable Thomas Carper, Ranking Member, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee