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Dear Colleague,

Law enforcement officers hold together the fabric of America, serving our communities and protecting us from criminals. But in the last few years, many criminals have committed or attempted the murder of police officers solely based on the color of their uniform. H.R. 4760, the Blue Lives Matters Act, extends greater protections to police officers by expanding the federal hate crime statute to include law enforcement officers.

Federal hate crime laws enhance the punishment for criminal activities motivated by hate for the inherent characteristics or closely held behaviors and beliefs of individuals in certain classes, including race, religion, gender, and sexual orientation. Not only do these crimes of hate cause significant emotional harm to the targeted victim and their community, they also cause societal discord and increase the risk of retaliatory violence. Acts of violence and terror against police officers based solely on their identity as law enforcement officers cause the same emotional harm and sow the same discord in the greater community. Those who would create a climate of intimidation by committing crimes of hate against law enforcement must be held accountable for their evil actions.

Please join me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation. The law enforcement community sacrifices their lives to uphold justice in our nation. The Blue Lives Matters Act upholds justice for them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Buck". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ken Buck
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