FBI AGENTS ASSOCIATION CALLS ON SENATE TO DEFEAT PROPOSED EXTENSION OF PAY FREEZE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

FBIAA President Konrad Motyka issued the following statement on the House of Representatives’ passage of H.R. 3835, legislation that would extend a federal employee pay freeze for a third year:

“The FBIAA, representing over 12,000 active and retired FBI Agents, opposes H.R. 3835, a bill that would extend the federal employee pay freeze, and urges the Senate to defeat this legislation. FBI Agent pay and benefits are not the cause of this country’s fiscal problems, and freezing Agents’ pay will have minimal impact on reducing the deficit. However, extending the pay freeze would have significant negative consequences. The pay freeze is severely impacting Agents who put their lives on the line every day and undermining the Bureau’s recruitment and retention efforts.

This is an issue of fundamental fairness for Agents, many of whom have forsaken more lucrative jobs in the private sector in order to serve their country and society. A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) study released earlier this week confirms that federal employees like FBI Agents, many of whom are required to possess advanced and professional degrees, receive substantially lower compensation than their counterparts in the private sector.

Should this legislation be enacted, Agents who are essential to the fight against criminal and terrorist networks would likely retire earlier to new careers in the private sector. Given these national security implications, we urge Senators to protect the pay and benefits of FBI Agents and other federal law enforcement officers by voting against this legislation.”

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The FBIAA is a professional association with a membership of 12,000 active and retired agents nationwide. The FBIAA was founded over two decades ago in response to the growing recognition that agents needed to join together in order to protect and advance the interests of agents both within the Bureau, as well as in the public domain. The FBIAA works diligently to promote and facilitate the intelligent, skillful, and efficient discharge of the professional duties of all FBI agents. The Association works to advance and safeguard the careers, economic interests, conditions of employment, and welfare of active and retired FBI agents. Additional information can be found at www.FBIAA.org.