



April 26, 2019

Senator Steve Daines, MT
Attn: Corey Sellers
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Congressman Ralph Norman, SC
Attn: Jake Hilkin
319 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Senator Daines and Congressman Norman,

On behalf of How2LoveOurCops and disabled first responders across the country, I want to thank you for your continued support of our nation's heroes who serve and protect in communities across the country. We are excited that you are preparing to reintroduce the Putting First Responders First bill!

This legislation will provide significant assistance to those catastrophically injured serving their communities by helping to alleviate the confusion over the taxability of line of duty disability pensions. Disability pensions are a fraction of what these men and women were making while serving. Exempting this fraction from withholding tax makes those dollars stretch further and can make a huge difference for impacted families.

Extending the tax exemption for these pensions beyond "retirement" age prevents these heroes from receiving yet another burden as they get older, and likely suffer from mounting complications stemming from injuries sustained while serving our country as young men and women.

Including law enforcement, fire fighters and EMS workers who become permanently disabled in the line of duty, is the least we can do to thank these heroes (that we all depend on) for their service.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'HP' or similar initials, followed by a horizontal line.

Heidi Paulson,
Vice President Wounded Officers Division