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The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Steve Scalise, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, House Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Scalise, and Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the Arizona Sheriffs' Association (ASA), we write regarding H.R. 8365, the Monitor Accountability Act. Earlier this year, ASA expressed support for the legislation's goals of transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility in federal court-appointed monitorships involving state and local law enforcement agencies. We appreciate the House's consideration and passage of the bill on May 14, 2026.

Court-appointed monitors play an important role in ensuring compliance with federal court orders. We support efforts to ensure that monitorships are transparent, appropriately structured, and focused on measurable progress. Clear expectations for monitor responsibilities, transparency in activities and costs, opportunities for public input, and regular evaluation of progress can strengthen confidence in both the oversight process and the reforms it is intended to achieve.

Arizona's sheriffs are committed to constitutional policing, public trust, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources. We believe these priorities can and should be advanced together. Any changes to the federal monitoring process should preserve the ability of courts to address noncompliance while promoting effective oversight that is appropriately tailored to the circumstances of each agency and the communities it serves.

As Congress considers year-end legislative priorities, we respectfully encourage continued consideration of the transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility principles reflected in H.R. 8365, and support thoughtful legislative reforms that advance these objectives while preserving effective constitutional oversight.

Sincerely,

David Clouse
President, Arizona Sheriffs' Association
Sheriff, Navajo County

cc: Rep. Mike Rogers; Rep. Adam Smith; Sen. Roger Wicker; Sen. Jack Reed; Rep. Tom Cole; Rep. Rosa DeLauro; Sen. Susan Collins; Sen. Patty Murray