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The Honorable
J.B. Pritzker
Governor of Illinois
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Governor Pritzker I would like to start by thanking you for presenting and attending the Illinois Law Enforcement Memorial service on May 5th. As I am sure you are aware Chicago lost one of our own in 2021 due to the gun violence that has plagued our streets. The show of support from you and all of the others was truly uplifting. Thank you again for showing those lost will never be forgotten.

On April 5, 2021, you signed HB2451 into law, granting Tier 1 Chicago Fire Department Members 3% COLA regardless of their birthdate. Unfortunately, Tier 1 Chicago Police Department Members were left off that bill. It has now been over a year since you signed that bill and the Members of the Chicago Police Department born after December 31, 1965, are still without that same COLA increase. I am aware that a Governor does not introduce legislation, but I am asking on behalf of my Members, Chicago Police Sergeants, as well as all the other Chicago Police Officers that you make it known that a similar bill addressing CPD Officers should be introduced. I would also ask that you make it known that you would sign such a bill when presented. In a time when we are attempting to correct all of the past transgressions of not treating all people fairly, I feel it would only be right to show that the great State of Illinois treats all first responders the same. Leading by example is the greatest show of leadership one can offer. I again ask this for my Membership as well as every Officer that wears the Chicago Police uniform who serve and protect the citizens of Chicago.

Sincerely,

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