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FBINAA Graduates,

As you may be aware, the FBI's budget was cut significantly last year, straining the Bureau's ability to meet its basic functions. The Bureau's next budget is projected to be even worse. While the Senate version of funding for the FBI does not cut as deep as the House's, both fall well short of what the Bureau needs just to keep up with inflationary costs. Worse, for the first time in history, **the FBI's budget may not be adequate to fund the National Academy program**.

As an FBI National Academy Graduate, you know better than anyone the importance of the NA program. As Director Wray has stated to Congress, the training provided by the National Academy leads to better law enforcement work, meaningful partnerships, and safer communities. The loss of even a single Session of the National Academy will have a detrimental effect on the global law enforcement community. Just to maintain, much less grow, the strength of the network formed by the FBI National Academy, we must continually add new graduates, ensuring the program's ability to positively influence the law enforcement community as it has done for nearly 90 years.

<u>Click here</u> to download a draft letter to Congress urging adequate funding of the Bureau's budget to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of National Academy sessions. Please feel free to make your edits, place the letter on your or your agency's letterhead (as appropriate), and send the letter to your Senators and Representatives. We hope that if enough of these letters make it into the hands of those who will vote on the FBI's budget, they will ensure the Bureau has the necessary funding to continue to operate the National Academy without interruption.

Here's where to find your congress member's email: <u>https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member</u>

Thank you in advance, and thanks for your continued support of the National Academy and the FBINAA!

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