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I am writing in support of the Survey of Law Enforcement Personnel in Schools (SLEPS), funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) is excited to work with BJS and RTI International (RTI) in this important effort to develop national estimates regarding school safety programs and the activities of school-based officers.

The SLEPS effort your agency was invited to participate in is important in generating nationally-representative statistics related to law enforcement personnel in schools. PERF fully supports BJS and RTI's work in this area, because this type of national data collection has not been conducted for almost a decade.

After results from SLEPS are analyzed, findings can be used to develop federal funding strategies and other strategies to ensure that officers in schools are deployed and serve in a manner that promotes school safety, prevents violence and other problem behaviors, supports healthy behaviors among students, and ensures effective response when violence occurs.

Our team thanks you in advance for participation in SLEPS. If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to contact Dr. Sean Goodison at PERF (sgoodison@policeforum.org) or Dr. Duren Banks at RTI (durenbanks@rti.org).

Sincerely,

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