



# United States Capitol Police Labor Committee

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## **HB 285: Property Tax Credit – Disabled Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers - Federal Police and Criminal Investigators**

The FOP/United States Capitol Police Labor Committee (FOP/USCPLC) applauds the introduction of the HB 285: Property Tax Credit – Disabled Law Enforcement Officers and Rescue Workers - Federal Police and Criminal Investigators. FOP/USCPLC represents the 2,000 hard working U.S. Capitol Police Officers who protect Congress every day.

HB 285, modeled after the MD Code, Tax - Property, § 9-210, would establish an exemption on county property taxes for disabled U.S. Capitol Police Officers and other federal agents, and would remove some of the residency requirements to be eligible for this tax credit. This same benefit is being extended to all local law enforcement, i.e. county police, community college police, fire marshals, private university police, and we ask the same courtesy be extended to our U.S. Capitol Police Officers and other federal agents that sacrifice so much for our country.

Unlike many retirees, disabled U.S. Capitol Police Officers and federal agents are not able to work to supplement their income. As inflation climbs faster than the federal government can initiate cost of living expense increases, home ownership for many our disabled and retired U.S. Capitol Police Officers seems far out of reach. Waiving property taxes would ease the financial burden of home ownership and provide much needed support to our retired and disabled U.S. Capitol Police Officers.

FOP/USCPLC looks forward to working with you to support our U.S. Capitol Police Officers who put their bodies and lives on the line protecting our country's greatest institution. If we can be of additional assistance, feel free to contact us.

*All members of the FOP/USCP Labor Committee are front line Capitol Police Officers.*