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Our organizations, representing the majority of the American law enforcement, investigatory, and prosecutorial communities, are united in our opposition to the Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act (FANFSA). FANFSA is an overly broad bill that would force investigators to take a big step backward in our ability to solve crimes, rescue victims, and prevent tragedies in the digital age.

In our professional judgment, any perceived benefit of FANFSA would be far outweighed by the consequences of taking legal, relevant, and publicly available investigative tools out of the hands of those of us who are charged with solving, and preventing, if possible, all types of crimes. The professionals we represent are sworn to uphold the Constitution – including the Fourth Amendment – and we are committed to working with members of Congress to thoughtfully address any risk to Americans' privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties through the use of commercial databases. But the version of FANFSA that the House will vote on this week is an overly broad "solution" to a very narrow issue that would create dangerous consequences for our communities.

The proposed amendments being considered do not currently meet the needs of our associations, were not offered in consultation of our associations, and do not change our position on this legislation. The changes that will be offered to effectively carve-out certain information from sweeping prohibitions which will be imposed by FANFSA are insufficient to address our concerns.

Voting yes on FANFSA tells crime victims and their families that already lawfully obtained data may not be used to save them. Voting yes on FANFSA will help online child sexual predators avoid being discovered. Law Enforcement asks that members Vote NO and then work with us to make this a workable bill that will not further harm our communities.

Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA)
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)
Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)
Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA)
National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO)
National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)
National Fusion Center Association (NFCA)
National Narcotic Officers' Associations Coalition (NNOAC)
National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)
Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD