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RIGHT ON CRIME ENCOURAGED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FIRST STEP ON POLICE REFORM

Washington, DC – Today, President Trump signed an executive order on safe policing, which seeks to address hot-button issues in police practice. Specifically, the order creates a national registry for adjudicated police misconduct and supports alternative responses to mental illness and homelessness cases, among other initiatives.

“The President’s order is a good opening move in police reform,” said **Randy Petersen, senior researcher at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.** *“It seeks to elevate the accountability of the police to the local community by reallocating already-existing discretionary grant funds, thankfully not further increasing the budget. Further, the order seeks to incentivize police departments being more responsive and engaged with their local communities.”*

“However, it is important to recognize that the executive branch – and the federal government writ large – is purposefully limited in what mandates they can make on how local communities police themselves,” **Dr. Derek Cohen, policy director of Right on Crime added.** *“If the American people want long-lasting, meaningful police reform, it is incumbent on Congress to help agencies with the resources needed to achieve these goals and enable them to support, not seize the reigns of, local police departments in their community engagement efforts.”*

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