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House Republican Caucus Statement on S1028 Vote

The House Republican Caucus wants to ensure all first responders that it is in full support of the incredible and impactful work you undertake each and every day to save lives. Our vote today was overwhelmingly in support of S1028 and the health of our first responders diagnosed with PTSI. We also want to acknowledge some deep concerns that weighed heavily on some of our members, some of them first responders themselves, who worried that the bill just didn't cover enough of those affected by PTSI and it didn't have a clear funding path to ensure increased coverage. It is important that you understand that we believe those willing to put themselves in danger to protect others will always have our respect and deep admiration.

Because of the importance of the issue and questions still left unaddressed, the House Republican Caucus is committed to finding the best possible path forward in continuing to address job-related harm our first responders experience and we will continue to work to improve what we have begun with S1028.

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