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### DC Police Union Statement on the Appointment of Chief Pamela Smith

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On July 17, 2023, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of a new Chief of Police for the Metropolitan Police Department, Pamela Smith.

The men and women of the DC Police Union congratulate Chief Smith on her appointment. She has a distinguished career in law enforcement and has a resume that is worthy of this position.

Chairman Pemberton stated, "Pamela Smith is becoming the Chief at an incredibly difficult time. The MPD faces a staffing crisis, crime has increased exponentially, and the city is becoming unsafe." The Chairman went on to say, "We know the Chief Smith has the credentials and the experience to stand up to the detrimental policies that have been enacted by the City Council. Our members are confident that, with Mayor Bowser's strong leadership on crime, Chief Smith can help move the city in a direction where we have a well-staffed police department and a safe city for all."

The Union looks forward to working with Chief Smith and her team on solving the most important issue to Washingtonians – crime.

The Union would like to thank Mayor Bowser and Deputy Mayor Appiah for the diligence and scrutiny they put into this crucial decision.

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