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DC Police Union Statement on Presidential Pardons

Washington, D.C. — The DC Police Union expresses its profound gratitude to the White House and President Trump for granting pardons to Officer Terrance Sutton and Lieutenant Andrew Zabavsky. These two distinguished officers, who were unjustly convicted of murder, have endured immense personal and professional hardship due to the actions of corrupt prosecutors who weaponized the legal system against them.

The pardons issued by the President represent a monumental correction of this injustice. Both Officer Sutton and Lieutenant Zabavsky are men of integrity who dedicated their careers to serving the citizens of Washington, D.C., with honor and professionalism. Their convictions not only cast an unjust shadow over their service but also undermined the trust that law enforcement officers and communities must share to ensure public safety.

Chairman Gregg Pemberton of the DC Police Union stated, "This decision by the White House affirms the truth: that Sutton and Zabavsky were wrongly accused and wrongfully convicted. We commend the President for taking decisive action to right this wrong, and we are overjoyed for these officers, their families, and the many supporters who stood by them."

The DC Police Union hopes that this will highlight the corruption that prosecutors like Elizabeth Aloi and Ahmed Baset demonstrated in this malicious prosecution. While we have low expectations these politically motivated prosecutors will be held accountable, this action will help to restore faith in the DC criminal justice system.

The Union will continue its unwavering mission to advocate for fairness, accountability, and justice for all police officers while ensuring the safety of the communities they serve. Today, we celebrate this victory and the renewed hope it brings to Officer Sutton, Lieutenant Zabavsky, and all who have fought tirelessly on their behalf.

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