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The Honorable Mayor John Whitmire

900 Bagby Street, 3rd Floor
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Members of Houston City Council

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Dear Mayor Whitmire and Honorable Members of City Council:

On behalf of the more than 5,200 members of the Houston Police Officers' Union (HPOU), we write in strong support of the City's proposed FY 2027 budget and commend your commitment to crafting a responsible financial plan grounded in Houston's core obligation: public safety.

The proposed FY 2027 budget sends the right message by maintaining and strengthening investments in the Houston Police Department, Houston Fire Department, and emergency medical services.

We also recognize that Houston's structural budget deficits, driven by years of deferred decisions, growing service demands, inflationary personnel costs, and constrained revenue, require a sustained, multi-year response. We are encouraged to see this budget addressing these concerns and support this comprehensive approach.

We urge you to adopt a final budget that is fiscally responsible, structurally sound, and unambiguously committed to the safety of every person who calls Houston home.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Hunt, HPOU Executive Director