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Dear Fellow Officer:

As National President of the FPPOA, I would like to invite you to become an active member of our association. Joining is an important first step, but just as important, is the call to help shape our future as federal probation and pretrial officers through active involvement in the only professional service organization dedicated to representing federal probation and pretrial services officers.

What is FPPOA? Whether or not you have ever heard of the association, FPPOA has been around a long time. The association was founded in 1955 as a non profit professional service organization. We are a member organization of federal probation and pretrial services officers and most of our income is derived from annual membership dues. These dues are used to fully support the outreach, research, scholarships, and other causes that the association promotes.

Over the years, FPPOA has lead the call for change and has supported issues facing the federal probation and pretrial services system. This past year has been no exception. Through the efforts of the current national board, 2005 has been a very productive year for FPPOA. We were able to make a difference in a number of areas, and we laid a solid foundation for the next couple of years as well. One of the areas where FPPOA was able to effectively represent the views of the field on a national level was in the debate over whether the supervision function should be transferred to another agency. FPPOA was against such a move, and by networking with OPPS and the Chief's Advisory Group, that issue was "laid to rest" by the Criminal Law Committee. Assistant Director John Hughes summed up the action as follows:

"Thanks to Gary Howard's heartfelt speech on behalf of the Chiefs Advisory Group to the Criminal Law Committee, a timely letter from the Federal Probation and Pretrial Services Officers Association, and the good sense of the Committee members, the proposal to transfer the post-conviction supervision function outside the judiciary has, in the words of one Committee member, been given "a decent burial."

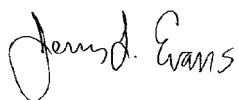
It is exactly in instances like this where your membership can and does make a difference.

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Also, in our continuing effort to provide quality training and networking opportunities for officers, FPPOA will be partnering with APPA in July 2006 to provide a federal seminar track at the APPA Summer Conference in Chicago, Illinois. FPPOA members will be able to attend the conference at the same discounted rate as APPA members, and there will be workshops sponsored by FPPOA that will be germane to the federal system. In addition, FPPOA has begun plans for the next National Training Institute (NTI) for April 2007 in Nashville, Tennessee. More information about this will be forwarded in the coming months.

I hope this provides you with a small glimpse of the work being done by FPPOA on behalf of officers and in furtherance of the work of the federal judiciary. As I noted in the beginning, none of it would be possible without the help of members. Please join with me, and officers from across our system, in belonging to the only professional service organization that represents just federal probation and pretrial officers.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry L. Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "E".

Jerry L. Evans  
National President  
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P.S. Please find enclosed a membership application. If you would like to learn more about FPPOA, please look at our web site, [WWW.FPPOA.ORG](http://WWW.FPPOA.ORG) for more information about our history and organizational goals.