

**Washington, D.C.** – Representative David Price (NC-04), the Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, will host new Raleigh Police Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown as his guest in the House Chamber when President Obama delivers his State of the Union Address on Tuesday evening. Deck-Brown, the first African-American woman to hold the post, was named permanent head of the Police Department earlier this month after several months as interim chief. Deck-Brown has announced that decreasing juvenile crime will be among her top priorities as head of the Police Department.

"I look forward to hosting Chief Deck-Brown at the State of the Union on Tuesday night and discussing how Congress can help address juvenile crime and support local police and first responders," Rep. Price said. "As a father and a grandfather, I am very interested in exploring new and innovative partnerships between Congress and local law enforcement to keep our schools, neighborhoods, and communities safe and supportive places for our young people."

"I am looking forward to attending the State of the Union Address and appreciate the invitation extended by Representative Price," said Deck-Brown. "The time in Washington will also provide us with an opportunity to begin to explore ways in which we can work collaboratively on behalf of the Raleigh Police Department."

As the Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, Rep. Price has been a leading advocate for federal programs that support law enforcement and first responders such as Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), which promotes best practices to proactively address public safety issues in communities across the country. Price has also regularly secured funding for local law enforcement agencies in the Fourth District to secure new crime-fighting technologies as well as for statewide projects such as the new National Guard Headquarters and State Emergency Operations Center in Raleigh.

As a Vice Chair of the House Democrats' Gun Violence Prevention Task-Force, Rep. Price helped shape the task force's policy recommendations, which were released last week and included restoring funding for public safety and law enforcement initiatives aimed at reducing violence, supporting evidence-based prevention programs and mental health services for troubled young people, and increasing funding for local law enforcement "gun buy-back" programs.

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