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President's Message

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The FPPOA is celebrating 60 years of service to the federal probation and pretrial officer. We salute those who came before us and worked diligently on behalf of their fellow officers. When you break it down, it has always been for the same purpose: to represent and be a voice for officers working for federal probation and pretrial.

When you have contact with so many officers from across the country, you see how different the issues are from district to district. Location monitoring and Fair Labor Standards Act continue to be a major issue for the FPPOA. We have been in touch with Matt Rowland on a regular basis and he has been looking into it on his end. He has promised to have a formal response to us shortly. One roadblock that keeps rearing its ugly head is the Work Measurement Study that was completed by all officers this past year. Surprisingly, it did not show that officers were working overtime. The

only officers that it showed were consistently working overtime were location monitoring officers. Whether there was confusion about inputting hours over the 102%, or officers were just too overwhelmed to take the time to keep up with their hours, it definitely hurt our argument that we are not being compensated for our time. It is one thing when you make the argument; it is another issue to have a comprehensive study out there with statistics against your argument.

Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week is July 12th through the 18th. This is the week set aside to recognize the work that not only federal probation and pretrial officers do, but also our fellow officers on the state level in community supervision. In the United States, there are more than

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