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MICHAEL McHALE
President
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

JOHN A. FLYNN
Vice President
Police Benevolent
Association of New York City

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy,

TODD HARRISON
Recording Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement
Associations of Texas

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the country, I am writing to respectfully request that direct, flexible funding to state and local governments be included in this next COVID-19 relief package.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition
of Police

State and local governments big and small are struggling with budget holes and significant revenue losses due to the pandemic and the steps that had to be taken to protect the public. As a result, police departments across the country have told their officers that department civilian staff are being furloughed and laid off and that they will be next for furlough and layoffs. This is at a time when law enforcement agencies are stretched to their limits between the impact of the virus on police forces, the ongoing protests, and rising violent crime rates across the country. Law enforcement and public safety will be negatively impacted if direct, flexible funding is not given to state and local governments to help them offset budget and revenue shortfalls created by these crises.

MARC KOVAR
Sergeant-at-Arms
New Jersey State Policemen's
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MARK YOUNG
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Providing additional funding to state and local governments will also help pay or reimburse for all COVID-19 related overtime costs, additional sick and administrative leave, and hazard pay for first responders in areas greatly impacted by the coronavirus. Providing for these workplace needs will help ensure we are able to retain trained and experienced officers and law enforcement agencies are able to continue to serve and protect the public.

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
Wisconsin Professional Police
Association

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel

Thank you for your consideration of this pressing matter. NAPO urges you to include direct funding to states and localities in this next coronavirus response legislation and we stand ready to work with you to get this done. If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.
Executive Director