



Legislative Priorities for the 114th Congress

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Support	S.125	1/8/2015	Patrick Leahy (D-VT)	The "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.</i> 24 cosponsors	5/6/2015 Measure, as amended, passed in the Senate by unanimous consent.	<p>This legislation extends the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Program through fiscal year 2020, and ensures that America's law enforcement officers are provided with the life-saving protection they need.</p> <p>The BVP Grant Program is a critical resource for state and local jurisdictions. Over the past decade, this vital program has enabled the protection of over one million officers. However, while many officers are protected by bullet-resistant armor, an alarming number of officers, many in small departments across the United States, are not afforded this same protection due to local budget constraints.</p> <p><u>NAPO believes this legislation is essential to assist state and local law enforcement efforts to purchase bullet resistant vests for their officers. NAPO worked closely with senior staffers for the bill's sponsors, Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Patrick Leahy (R-VT) and Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), to pass this bill through the Senate. We will continue to work with fellow stakeholders to garner support to pass this legislation during the 114th Congress.</u></p>
Support	S.178	1/13/2015	John Cornyn (R-TX)	The "Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act"	<i>A bill to provide justice for victims of trafficking.</i> 34 cosponsors	6/2/2015 Became Public Law, PL 114-22, 129 Stat. 227.	<p>The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act is a comprehensive anti-human trafficking bill, focused on rescuing domestic victims, tracking down their exploiters, and prosecuting every criminal responsible for modern-day slavery.</p> <p>This legislation will create a deficit-neutral "Domestic Trafficking Victims Fund," financed entirely through increased fines on persons convicted of federal crimes of human trafficking, child pornography, sexual</p>

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							<p>exploitation, and human smuggling. This Fund will supplement the appropriations for existing domestic human trafficking deterrence and victim support with tens of millions of dollars of much-needed funding.</p> <p>The legislation will also increase access to services for American citizen victims of human trafficking by allowing them to obtain official recognition of their status from the Department of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>Finally, the bill will create a series of new tools and authorities that will enhance law enforcement's ability to dismantle the vast criminal networks and cartels involved in human trafficking.</p> <p><u>NAPO was a strong and vocal supporter of this legislation. NAPO communicated our support to Senator Cornyn, who has highlighted NAPO as a supporter of the bill in press releases and during Senate floor speeches.</u></p>
Support	S. 238	1/22/2015	Patrick Toomey (R-PA)	The "Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act"	<p><i>A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.</i></p> <p>7 cosponsors</p>	<p>1/22/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>This legislation will protect federal corrections workers by allowing them to carry pepper spray. The bill is named after Eric Williams, a Federal Corrections Officer in Pennsylvania who was brutally killed by an inmate in 2013.</p> <p>The legislation will make permanent a Federal Bureau of Prisons pilot program that allows correctional workers to carry pepper spray. In addition, it will expand the pepper spray availability to medium and higher security facilities and require federal correctional workers to complete training courses before carrying and using the spray.</p> <p><u>NAPO pledged our support of this legislation in March 2015, and looks forward to working with Senator Toomey</u></p>

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							<u>and other stakeholders to pass this bill.</u>
Under Review	S. 255	1/26/2015	Rand Paul (R-KY)	The "Fifth Amendment Integrity Restoration (FAIR) Act"	<i>A bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes.</i> 3 cosponsors	1/26/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	<p>The FAIR Act will change federal law by requiring that the government prove its case with clear and convincing evidence before forfeiting seized property. The legislation will remove the profit incentive for forfeiture by redirecting forfeitures assets from the Attorney General's Asset Forfeiture Fund to the Treasury's General Fund.</p> <p><u>NAPO will continue to stay engaged on this issue, and ensure our members' voices are heard as the legislation moves forward. We will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u></p>
Support	S. 322	1/29/2015	Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)	The "Don't Tax Our Fallen Public Safety Heroes Act"	<i>A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.</i> 6 cosponsors	5/26/2015 Became Public Law, PL 114-14, 129 Stat. 198.	<p>This legislation will clarify that both federal and state death benefits for the survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty should be treated the same and not be subjected to federal income tax. Survivor benefits for federal law enforcement officers are currently not subject to federal income tax, but there is some ambiguity about the treatment of these benefits for similar state-based programs.</p> <p><u>NAPO worked closely with Senator Ayotte's staff to garner support for this legislation. Our efforts were successful, as the bill became law in May 2015.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO presented Senator Ayotte with an award for her work on this critical piece of legislation and her steadfast support of law enforcement in June 2015.</u></p>
Oppose	S. 356	2/4/2015	Mike Lee (R-UT)	The "Electronic Communications Privacy Act Amendments Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications.</i>	2/4/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation is intended to bring outdated Federal electronic privacy laws into the digital age. The bill will make changes to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) to establish a search warrant requirement for the government to obtain</p>

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					20 cosponsors		<p>Americans' e-mails and other electronic communications from third-party service providers.</p> <p><u>NAPO strongly opposes adding warrant requirements. Warrants take much longer to secure as compared with the current practice of officers obtaining a court order. This is of particular concern in time-critical cases, such as active kidnapping or child abduction cases. Moreover, warrants require an affidavit, which generally becomes public. These documents have the potential to expose law enforcement and informant identities and methods.</u></p> <p><u>There are effective law enforcement policies and procedures already in place on these issues at the state and local level. The warrant requirement would present a huge obstacle to legitimate law enforcement needs and NAPO does not feel that a one-size fits all approach is appropriate for these matters. NAPO will continue to express these concerns to both chambers of Congress.</u></p>
Under Review	S. 467	2/11/2015	John Cornyn (R-TX)	The "Corrections Oversight, Recidivism Reduction, and Eliminating Costs for Taxpayers In Our National System (CORRECTIONS) Act"	<i>A bill to reduce recidivism and increase public safety, and for other purposes.</i> 9 cosponsors	2/11/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation will require lower-risk prisoners to participate in recidivism reduction programs to earn up to 25 percent of their sentence in prerelease custody.</p> <p><u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, but there are concerns regarding credit towards pre-release custody. NAPO has discussed this legislation with the bill's sponsors, and will continue to stay engaged on this initiative.</u></p>
Under Review	S. 502	2/12/2015	Mike Lee (R-UT)	The "Smarter Sentencing Act"	<i>A bill to focus limited Federal resources on the</i>	2/12/15 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	The Smarter Sentencing Act will change federal drug sentencing polices by giving federal judges more discretion in sentencing

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					<p><i>most serious offenders.</i> 12 cosponsors</p>		<p>those convicted of non-violent drug offenses. This legislation relaxes current mandatory minimum sentencing policies.</p> <p><u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, but has concerns that altering mandatory minimum sentencing policies will strip law enforcement officers of a vital tool that is used to keep citizens safe.</u></p> <p><u>Moreover, mandatory minimums are correlated to the seriousness of the crime committed. Individuals are less likely to commit crimes when they know they are subject to increased sentences.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u></p>
Under Review	S. 512	2/12/2015	Orrin Hatch (R-UT)	The "Law Enforcement Access to Data Stored Abroad Act (LEADS Act)"	<p><i>A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.</i> 8 cosponsors</p>	<p>2/12/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>This legislation will extend the statutory reach of an Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) warrant, enabling law enforcement to obtain data stored overseas for U.S. persons.</p> <p>Law enforcement will also be able to obtain the content of electronic communications stored by non-U.S. persons either through an ECPA warrant, if the content is stored in the U.S., or an improved Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) process.</p> <p><u>NAPO continues to closely monitor this legislation, and will keep our members updated as it moves forward.</u></p>
Support	S. 572	2/25/2015	Mark Kirk (R-IL)	The "Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act of 2015"	<p><i>A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex</i></p>	<p>4/22/2015 An amendment to the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, offered by Senators Kirk and Feinstein, the SAVE Act, was passed by the Senate (97-2)</p>	<p>The Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act will stop Internet companies from profiting from allowing websites to be used for child sex trafficking.</p> <p><u>This important legislation will enable the federal government to prosecute individuals who profit by victimizing children. NAPO pledged our support for this legislation in February 2015, and</u></p>

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					acts. 0 cosponsors		<u>expended all available efforts to ensure the SAVE Act amendment to the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act passed the Senate. NAPO will continue to strongly support efforts to combat trafficking in the United States.</u>
Support	S. 665	3/4/2015	Ben Cardin (D-MD)	The "Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.</i> 27 cosponsors	5/19/2015 Became Public Law, PL 114-12, 129 Stat. 192.	<p>The Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act will help to create a nationwide alert system to quickly identify and apprehend suspects when a law enforcement officer is killed or seriously injured, missing in connection with official duties, or if there is an imminent/credible threat related to an attack on law enforcement.</p> <p>This legislation was named after New York City Police Department Officers and NAPO members Ramos and Liu, who were assassinated while serving their community. The killer posted threats to law enforcement on social media before the attack. Implementing a nationwide Blue Alert system will help to ensure that information on credible threats, like those posted by the individual who killed Officers Ramos and Liu, is widely disseminated so that officers have advanced warning, and can apprehend the criminal before he or she can do more harm.</p> <p><u>NAPO is a strong and active supporter of the Blue Alert system. Creating a nationwide system that responds to criminal action against law enforcement officers will ensure the safety of the officers and the public they serve.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO was involved in drafting the updated Blue Alert language, which includes language to address active threats. NAPO worked tirelessly to garner support for this legislation, which was</u></p>

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Oppose	S. 675	3/9/2015	Rand Paul (R-KY)	The "Record Expungement Designed to Enhance Employment Act (REDEEM Act)"	<i>A bill to provide for the sealing or expungement of records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes.</i> 1 cosponsor	3/9/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	This legislation will encourage states to change policies so children are directed away from the adult criminal justice system; automatically expunge or seal, depending on their age, criminal records of juveniles who committed nonviolent crimes; and limit solitary confinement of children, except in rare circumstances. The legislation will also create a path for adults with nonviolent offenses to seal their criminal records and restore food stamp and welfare benefits for low-level drug offenders who have served their sentences. <u>NAPO opposes this legislation, as we feel it will negatively impact public safety.</u>
Under Review	S. 683	3/10/2015	Cory Booker (D-NJ)	The "CARERS Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.</i> 11 cosponsors	3/10/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	The Compassionate Access, Research Expansion and Respect States (CARERS) Act will reschedule marijuana from a Schedule I to Schedule II drug, and amend federal law to allow states to set their own medical marijuana policies. The bill will also permit VA doctors to prescribe veterans medical marijuana to treat serious injuries and chronic conditions. The legislation will not legalize medical marijuana in all 50 states, rather it will respect the states that set their own medical marijuana programs and prevent federal law enforcement from prosecuting patients, doctors, and caregivers in those states. <u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, and will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u>
Support	S. 836	3/23/2015	John Barrasso (R-WY)	The "Family Health Care Flexibility Act"	<i>A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal</i>	3/23/2015 Referred to the Senate Finance Committee	Law enforcement officers across the United States rely on Flexible Spending Arrangements (FSAs) to pay for health care services and items that are not covered by

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					<p><i>certain limitations on health care benefits enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.</i></p> <p>8 cosponsors</p>		<p>insurance. Officers have been negatively impacted by guidelines set forth in the Affordable Care Act, which decreased the amount an officer could contribute to an FSA from \$5,000 per year to \$2,500 per year.</p> <p>The Family Health Care Flexibility Act solves this issue by repealing the \$2,500 limit on FSAs. In addition, the bill will repeal the requirement of needing a prescription in order to purchase over the counter medication using an FSA, Health Savings Account, Medical Savings Account, or Health Reimbursement Account.</p> <p><u>NAPO pledged our support for this legislation as soon as it was introduced. In today's economic climate, it is important to maximize personal savings, especially in regard to an officer's annual health care expenses. The bill will ensure that officers can build savings needed to address their families' medical costs.</u></p>
Support	S. 866	1/27/2015	Charles Schumer (D-NY)	The "Slain Officer Family Support Act of 2015"	<p><i>A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>1 cosponsor</p>	<p>4/1/2015 Became Public Law, PL 114-7, 129 Stat. 83</p>	<p>This legislation extended the tax deadline so that individuals making charitable donations for the families of assassinated New York Police Department Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos were able to apply such tax deductions to their 2014 tax return.</p> <p><u>As we continue to mourn the loss of these officers, we want to ensure the families of these heroes receive as much support as possible. This legislation allowed for the provision of continued assistance to these families.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information on this legislation, please see H.R. 1527.</i></p>
Under	S. 877	3/26/2015	Brian Schatz	The "Police Creating	<i>A bill to establish</i>	3/26/2015 Referred to	This legislation will establish a pilot grant

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Review			(D-HI)	Accountability by Making Effective Recording Available Act"	<i>a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers.</i> 3 cosponsors	the Senate Judiciary Committee	<p>program using existing Office of Justice Programs funding to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies with purchasing or leasing body-worn cameras (BWCs) and other implementation costs. Additional details are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Grantees must develop policies and protocols for the safe and effective use of BWCs, such as for secure data management and the protection of privacy rights. -Grantees must collect and report data on the use of force and the disposition of complaints against officers. -Two years after grants are awarded, the Office of Justice Programs will conduct a study on: the impact of BWCs on reducing excessive use of force by police and increasing accountability of officers; effects of BWCs on both officer safety and public safety; issues relating to secure data management; best practices for protecting the privacy of individuals who are recorded; and best practices for the safe and effective use of BWCs. <p><u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, but has concerns that the provisions in the bill are impractical, and would be difficult to implement in the field. NAPO is closely monitoring this initiative, and will keep our members updated on its status.</u></p>
Support	S. 928	4/14/2015	Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	The "James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act"	<i>A bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim</i>	4/14/2015 Referred to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	<p>After nearly a decade long fight to stand by our first responders who answered the call of duty on September 11th, Congress finally fulfilled its moral obligation in late 2010 and provided our 9/11 heroes with the health care and financial compensation they deserved by passing the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and</p>

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					<p><i>Compensation Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>23 cosponsors</p>		<p>Compensation Act. With the Zadroga bill's two critical programs – the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund – set to expire in October 2015 and October 2016 respectively, the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act will permanently extend these programs.</p> <p><u>NAPO is a strong and active supporter of this legislation. These heroes put their lives on the line to serve us, and must be afforded every resource available as they cope with chronic health conditions caused by exposure to toxic chemicals at the World Trade Center.</u></p> <p><u>This legislation will also honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation. James Zadroga, a New York City Police Department Detective and member of NAPO, died of respiratory disease caused by his exposure to toxic chemicals at Ground Zero. It is our obligation and duty to remember these heroes and ensure that survivors who risked their lives to protect us continue to receive the treatment and compensation that they deserve.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO has expended all available efforts to reintroduce and garner support for this important legislation. We will continue to work with fellow stakeholders to pass this legislation as expeditiously as possible.</u></p>
Support	S. 993	4/16/2015	Al Franken (D-MN)	The "Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act"	<p><i>A bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice,</i></p>	<p>4/30/2015 Bill passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>This legislation will improve outcomes for the criminal justice system, the mental health system, and for those with mental health conditions by doing the following, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Extending the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment

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					<i>juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.</i> 23 cosponsors		<p>and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA), and continuing support for mental health courts and crisis intervention teams;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Authorizing investments in veterans treatment courts, which serve arrested veterans who suffer from PTSD, substance addiction, and other mental health conditions; -Supporting state and local efforts to identify people with mental health conditions at each point in the criminal justice system in order to appropriately direct them to mental health services; -Increasing focus on corrections-based programs, such as transitional services that reduce recidivism rates and screening practices that identify inmates with mental health conditions; -Supporting the development of curricula for police academies and orientations; and -Developing programs to train federal law enforcement officers in how to respond appropriately to incidents involving a person with a mental health condition. <p><u>NAPO is a strong supporter of this legislation, which will help criminal justice and mental health agencies work collaboratively towards better outcomes. This bill will help law enforcement agencies from across the United States in their responsibilities in assisting citizens with mental health conditions.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO continues to work with the bill's sponsors, Senator Franken and Congressman Collins, and fellow stakeholders to garner support for this legislation.</u></p>
Under Review	S. 1056	4/22/2015	Ben Cardin (D-MD)	The "End Racial Profiling Act"	<i>A bill to eliminate racial</i>	4/22/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary	This legislation will prohibit any law enforcement agent or agency from engaging in

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					<i>profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.</i> 17 cosponsors	Committee	<p>racial profiling, and will grant individuals injured by racial profiling the right to obtain “declaratory or injunctive relief.”</p> <p>The legislation will require federal and local law enforcement agencies to maintain adequate policies and procedures for the elimination of racial profiling, and authorize the Attorney General to award grants and contracts for the collection of data related to racial profiling for the development of best practices.</p> <p><u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, and will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u></p>
Support	S.1071	4/23/2015	Patrick Toomey (R-PA)	The “Fairness for Victims of Crime Act of 2015”	<i>A bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to expand the amount available for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and other crimes, and for other purposes.</i> 5 cosponsors	4/23/2015 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation will increase the overall funding released from the Crime Victims Funds for victims’ services providers. It will also ensure that crucial services are covered, such as: forensic interviews; forensic medical exams for child abuse victims; relocation services for trafficking victims and domestic violence victims; evidence-based counseling; and victims’ advocacy.</p> <p><u>NAPO has discussed this bill at length with Senator Toomey’s staff. We look forward to working with Senator Toomey and his staff to pass this critical legislation.</u></p>
Oppose	S. 1119	4/28/2015	Gary Peters (D-MI)	The “National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2015”	<i>A bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.</i> 18 cosponsors	4/28/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation will create a National Criminal Justice Commission to review the criminal justice system and propose reforms to address the most pressing issues facing the nation’s criminal justice system.</p> <p>This legislation will create a 14-member, bipartisan National Criminal Justice Commission made up of Presidential and Congressional appointees, including experts</p>

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							<p>on law enforcement, criminal justice, victims' rights, civil liberties, and social service.</p> <p>The Commission will be charged with completing an 18-month, comprehensive review of the national criminal justice system, including federal, state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems, and issuing recommendations for changes in oversight, policies, practices, and laws to reduce crime, increase public safety, and promote confidence in the criminal justice system.</p> <p><u>NAPO opposes this legislation due to concerns about the selection of members for the Commission. Specifically, rank-and-file officers should be specifically identified to be appointed to the Commission. Additionally, NAPO believes details regarding membership need to be explicitly outlined.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO is also concerned about the restrictive timeframe within which the Commission is to complete its findings. The 18-month timeframe is insufficient to develop meaningful recommendations.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO agrees with the Commission's underlying intent to examine our criminal justice system. However, it is essential that rank-and-file officers be represented on the Commission. NAPO has communicated these concerns with the bill's Senate and House sponsors, Senator Peters and Congressman Deutch.</u></p>
Support	S. 1321	5/13/2015	Chris Coons (D-DE)	The "Fairness for Fallen Officers Act"	<i>A bill to expand benefits to the families of public safety officers who suffer fatal climate-related</i>	5/13/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation will close an unintended loophole in the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) program and ensure families of fallen and permanently disabled officers receive the benefits they deserve.</p> <p>Families of law enforcement officers,</p>

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					<p><i>injuries sustained in the line of duty and proximately resulting in death.</i></p> <p>3 cosponsors</p>		<p>firefighters, and other first responders killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty are entitled to death and education benefits through PSOB, but these benefits are occasionally denied or delayed for the loved ones of officers who suffer severe heat stroke or over-exertion in the course of duty. This legislation will specify that fatal or permanently disabling climate-related injuries, including hypothermia and hyperthermia resulting from official duties or training in extreme weather conditions, are deserving of full recognition under the law.</p> <p><u>NAPO pledged our support for this critical legislation before it was introduced. NAPO looks forward to continuing to work with Senators Coons and his staff to ensure families of fallen officers receive every resource available.</u></p>
Oppose	S. 1441	5/21/2015	Rand Paul (R-KY)	The "Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act"	<p><i>A bill to prevent the militarization of Federal, State, and local law enforcement by Federal excess property transfers and grant programs.</i></p> <p>1 cosponsor</p>	<p>5/21/2015 Referred to the Senate Armed Services Committee</p>	<p>This legislation will prohibit the federal transfer of militarized equipment to state and local law enforcement agencies including, Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, drones, and armored vehicles transferred through the U.S. Department of Defense's 1033 Program, U.S. Department of Justice's Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Grant programs.</p> <p>This legislation will require the return of all equipment currently being used by law enforcement agencies that is prohibited under this legislation. Additionally, the bill will require each agency that receives equipment to have 100 percent accountability of the property they received, as well as a programmatic review of how federal agencies with SWAT, or other tactical response teams, use the equipment</p>

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							<p>they received.</p> <p><u>The transfer of surplus Federal equipment to state and local law enforcement departments has contributed to the safety of law enforcement personnel and the public they serve. NAPO is extremely concerned that this legislation will inhibit the ability of law enforcement departments to access this critical equipment to keep our communities safe.</u></p> <p><u>Furthermore, the Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act includes limitations on purely defensive equipment, such as head and face protection equipment. Creating limitations on such equipment will further endanger the lives of law enforcement officers, who have increasingly become targets of revenge and ambush attacks.</u></p> <p><u>This legislation will endanger the lives of police officers and communities across the nation.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO has communicated the aforementioned concerns to Senator Paul, and will continue to engage members of Congress on this issue.</u></p>
Oppose	S. 1476	6/2/2015	Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	The "Police Reporting of Information, Data and Evidence Act"	<i>A bill to require States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding shooting incidents involving law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.</i> 2 cosponsors	6/2/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation will require states to report to the Justice Department on any incident in which a law enforcement officer is involved in a shooting, and any other instance where use of force by or against a law enforcement officer or civilian results in serious bodily injury or death.</p> <p><u>This legislation will require states to report to the Attorney General on use-of-force incidents involving officers and the public that result in serious bodily injury or death.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO does not support this legislation.</u></p>

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Support	S. 1651	6/23/2015	Sherrod Brown (D-OH)	The "Social Security Fairness Act"	<i>A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.</i> 14 cosponsors	6/23/2015 Referred to the Senate Finance Committee	<p>This bill will strike the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) formulas currently used to calculate Social Security benefits. Both were enacted in the 1980s because Congress was concerned Social Security paid unintended benefits to workers who had spent most of their careers in "non-covered" jobs. However, the formulas go too far and penalize workers with split careers who contributed a great deal to Social Security, but retire under their "non-covered" pensions.</p> <p>These provisions take hard-earned Social Security dollars out of the hands of retirees or their spouses – money that would otherwise be spent on essential goods and services and bolster the local economy.</p> <p><u>By significantly scaling back and reducing Social Security benefits for law enforcement officers and their survivors, as GPO and WEP do, officers and their families are provided much less protection against financial difficulties. NAPO continues to support efforts to totally repeal GPO and WEP from Title II of the Social Security Act, and will continue to actively work to pass this legislation.</u></p>
Oppose	H.R. 51	1/6/2015	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX)	The "Traffic Stops Along the Border Statistics Study Act"	<i>A bill to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops, and for other purposes.</i> 0 cosponsors	1/6/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation will direct the Attorney General to: (1) conduct a nationwide study of stops for traffic violations by law enforcement officers; (2) perform an initial analysis of existing data, including complaints alleging and information concerning traffic stops motivated by race and other bias; and (3) gather specified data from a nationwide sample of jurisdictions, including the traffic</p>

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							<p>infraction alleged to have been committed that led to the stop, identifying characteristics of the driver stopped, whether immigration status was questioned, and whether any warning or citation was issued as a result of the stop.</p> <p>This legislation will also authorize the Attorney General to make grants to law enforcement agencies to collect and submit data collected under this Act to the appropriate agency as designated by the Attorney General. It will prohibit information released from revealing the identity of any individual who is stopped or any officer involved.</p> <p><u>NAPO opposes this legislation, and will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u></p>
Under Review	H.R. 103	1/6/2015	John Conyers (D-MI)	The "Shield Our Streets Act"	<p><i>A bill to improve public safety through increased law enforcement presence and enhanced public safety equipment and programs, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>4 cosponsors</p>	<p>1/6/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>This legislation will authorize the Attorney General to carry out a program, through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, to award grants to assist eligible local law enforcement agencies with hiring and training new law enforcement officers and with rehiring career law enforcement officers who have been laid off as a result of budget reductions.</p> <p><u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, and will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u></p>
Support	H.R. 181	1/7/2015	Ted Poe (R-TX)	The "Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act"	<p><i>A bill to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.</i></p> <p>16 cosponsors</p>	<p>1/27/2015 Bill passed by the House, as amended, by voice vote</p>	<p>Among other tenets, this legislation will repurpose and reauthorize a grant program to create a victim-centered model block grant to help state and local governments develop and implement comprehensive victim-centered programs to train law enforcement to rescue victims, prosecute human traffickers, and restore the lives of victims. The bill will also allow state and local human trafficking</p>

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							<p>taskforces to obtain wiretap warrants within their own state courts, without federal approval, in order to investigate crimes of child pornography, child sexual exploitation, and human trafficking.</p> <p>The bill will reduce demand for human trafficking by clarifying current law and encouraging police, prosecutors, judges, and juries to target and punish persons who purchase illicit sexual activities from trafficking victims as human traffickers, rather than petty criminals.</p> <p><u>This legislation is a scaled down version of Senator Cornyn’s Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. NAPO is working to ensure the more robust version becomes law, but does not object to any of the tenets outlined in Congressman Poe’s bill.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information, please see S.178.</i></p>
Support	H.R. 228	1/8/2015	Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ)	The “Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2015”	<p><i>To amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.</i></p> <p>21 cosponsors</p>	1/8/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation will extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2018.</p> <p><u>NAPO strongly believes the advancement of this legislation is essential to assist state and local law enforcement efforts to purchase bullet resistant vests for their officers. NAPO has conveyed our commitment to passing this legislation to Congressman LoBiondo. We will continue to expend all available efforts to garner support for this legislation.</u></p>
Oppose	H.R. 283	1/12/2015	Matt Salmon (R-AZ)	The “Electronic Communications Privacy Act Amendments Act of 2015”	<p><i>A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic</i></p>	1/12/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation is intended to bring outdated Federal electronic privacy laws into the digital age. The bill will make changes to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) to establish a search warrant</p>

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					<i>communication.</i> 4 cosponsors		<p>requirement for the government to obtain Americans' e-mails and other electronic communications from third-party service providers.</p> <p><u>NAPO strongly opposes adding warrant requirements. Warrants take much longer to secure as compared with the current practice of officers obtaining a court order. This is of particular concern in time-critical cases, such as active kidnapping or child abduction cases. Moreover, warrants require an affidavit, which generally becomes public. These documents have the potential to expose law enforcement and informant identities and methods.</u></p> <p><u>The warrant requirement would present a huge obstacle to legitimate law enforcement needs and NAPO does not feel that a one-size fits all approach is appropriate for these matters. NAPO will continue to express these concerns to members of Congress.</u></p>
Support	H.R. 285	1/12/2015	Ann Wagner (R-MO)	The "Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts.</i> 52 cosponsors	1/27/2015 Passed by the House of Representatives	<p><u>This important legislation will allow the federal government to prosecute individuals who profit by victimizing children. NAPO will continue to strongly support efforts to combat trafficking in the United States.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information, please see S. 572.</i></p>
Oppose	H.R. 306	1/13/2015	Steve Cohen (D-TN)	The "National Statistics on Deadly Force Transparency Act"	<i>A bill to require the Attorney General to issue rules pertaining</i>	1/13/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	This bill will incentivize states, through Byrne-JAG penalties, to require local law enforcement agencies to provide the following data to the Attorney General on use of force

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					<p><i>to the collection and compilation of data on the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers.</i></p> <p>19 cosponsors</p>		<p>incidents: the date of each instance when deadly force was used; identifying characteristics of the victim and officer involved; any alleged criminal behavior by the victim; explanation by the relevant law enforcement agency of why deadly force was used; copy of any use of deadly force guidelines in effect at the time at the law enforcement agency; nature of the deadly force used; and a description of any non-lethal efforts that were taken before deadly force was used.</p> <p><u>NAPO opposes this bill. Despite all of the requirements included in the bill, the language is vague, and does not appropriately address all scenarios. Most importantly, it does not provide a comprehensive definition of "deadly force."</u></p> <p><u>NAPO will continue to voice our concerns as the legislation is considered.</u></p>
Oppose	H.R. 429	1/21/2015	Hank Johnson (D-GA)	The "Grand Jury Reform Act of 2015"	<p><i>A bill to provide that in the case of a law enforcement officer who uses deadly force against a person, and thereby causes the death of that person, a hearing shall be conducted before a judge to determine whether there is probable cause for the State to</i></p>	<p>1/29/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>This legislation will require the appointment of a special prosecutor to conduct an investigation and present the results to a judge in a probable cause hearing, open to the public, whenever a police officer kills an individual while acting in the line of duty.</p> <p>The legislation also specifies that in order for local law enforcement agencies to receive federal funding, they would have to comply with this new process. If enacted, the governor of the state where the incident in question occurred would appoint a prosecutor, who would present evidence on behalf of the state at the hearing.</p> <p><u>NAPO opposes this legislation. Among other concerns that we have with the bill, a special prosecutor, appointed by a governor, would be under a great deal of</u></p>

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					<p><i>bring criminal charges against the law enforcement officer relating to the death of the person, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>28 cosponsors</p>		<p><u>pressure to justify his/her work. There is a risk that decisions to prosecute would be made based on politics, not on the law and admissible evidence. NAPO fears that an officer would be indicted, even if he/she did nothing wrong.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO will continue to voice these concerns as the legislation is considered.</u></p>
Support	H.R. 472	1/22/2015	David McKinley (R-WV)	The "Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act"	<p><i>A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capsicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.</i></p> <p>15 cosponsors</p>	1/22/2015 Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee	<p><u>NAPO pledged our support of this legislation in March 2015, and looks forward to working with Congressman McKinley and other stakeholders to pass this bill.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information on this legislation, please see S. 238.</i></p>
Under Review	H.R. 540	1/27/2015	Tim Walberg (R-MI)	The "Fifth Amendment Integrity Restoration (FAIR) Act"	<p><i>A bill to restore the integrity of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>56 cosponsors</p>	1/27/2015 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee; House Financial Services Committee; House Ways and Means Committee, and House Judiciary Committee	<p><u>NAPO will continue to stay engaged on this issue, and ensure our members' voices are heard as the legislation moves forward. We will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information on this legislation, please see S. 255.</i></p>
Support	H.R. 544	1/27/2015	Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)	The "Slain Officer Family Support Act of 2015"	<p><i>A bill to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for</i></p>	4/1/2015 Became Public Law, PL 114-7, 129 Stat. 83	<p>This legislation extended the tax deadline so that individuals making charitable donations for the families of assassinated New York Police Department Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos were able to apply such tax deductions to their 2014 tax return.</p>

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					<i>the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.</i> 5 cosponsors		<u>As we continue to mourn the loss of these officers, we want to ensure the families of these heroes receive as much support as possible. This legislation allowed for the provision of continued assistance to these families.</u> <i>For additional information on this legislation, please see H.R. 1527.</i>
Support	H.R. 606	1/28/2015	Erik Paulsen (R-MN)	The "Don't Tax Our Fallen Public Safety Heroes Act"	<i>A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain compensation received by public safety officers and their dependents from gross income.</i> 25 cosponsors	5/26/2015 Became Public Law, PL 114-14, 129 Stat. 198.	<u>NAPO worked closely with Congressman Paulsen's staff to garner support for this legislation. Our efforts were successful, as the bill became law in May 2015.</u> <i>For additional information on this legislation, please see S. 322.</i>
Oppose	H.R. 699	2/4/2015	Kevin Yoder (R-KS)	The "E-mail Privacy Act"	<i>A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to update the privacy protections for electronic communications information that is stored by third-party service providers in order to protect consumer privacy interests</i>	2/4/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<u>NAPO opposes this legislation, as we oppose adding warrant requirements. Warrants take much longer to secure as compared with the current practice of officers obtaining a court order. This is of particular concern in time-critical cases, such as active kidnapping or child abduction cases. Moreover, warrants require an affidavit, which generally becomes public. These documents have the potential to expose law enforcement and informant identities and methods.</u> <u>There are effective law enforcement policies and procedures already in place on these issues at the state and local</u>

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					<p><i>while meeting law enforcement needs, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>284 cosponsors</p>		<p><u>level. The warrant requirement would present a huge obstacle to legitimate law enforcement needs and NAPO does not feel that a one-size fits all approach is appropriate for these matters. NAPO will continue to express these concerns to both chambers of Congress.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information on this legislation, please see S. 356.</i></p>
Support	H.R. 711	2/4/2015	Kevin Brady (R-TX)	The "Equal Treatment for Public Servants Act"	<p><i>A bill to title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the windfall elimination provision and protect the retirement of public servants.</i></p> <p>28 cosponsors</p>	2/4/2015 Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee	<p>The Equal Treatment for Public Servants Act will repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), and correct Social Security benefits for public servants. The main tenets of the legislation are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Permanently repeals the current WEP and replaces it with a new and fair formula that treats public servants like the rest of American workers -Guarantees public servants receive the benefits they earned while they paid into Social Security -Reduces the WEP by up to 1/3 for current retirees, and up to 1/2 for future retirees – increasing lifetime Social Security benefits by between \$20,000 and \$32,400 (as estimated by the Social Security actuary) -Does not impact the Social Security trust fund <p><u>NAPO strongly supports this legislation. The loss of income caused by the WEP formula is a financial strain on law enforcement officers and their families, an additional strain that those who spent their careers on the front lines protecting our nation's communities do not need. This bill will guarantee public servants receive the benefits they earned while they paid into Social Security.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO looks forward to working with</u></p>

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							<u>Congressman Brady to pass this important legislation during the 114th Congress.</u>
Support	H.R. 723	2/4/2015	Peter King (R-NY)	The "Fallen Heroes Flag Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to provide Capitol-flown flags to the immediate family of fire fighters, law enforcement officers, members of rescue squads or ambulance crews, and public safety officers who are killed in the line of duty.</i> 14 cosponsors	5/12/2015 Passed in House of Representatives	<p>This bill will allow members of Congress to honor a deceased firefighter, law enforcement officer, member of rescue squad or ambulance crew, or public safety officer who died in the line of duty by providing to the family, at their request, a Capitol-flown flag. This flag would be accompanied by a certificate expressing a message of sympathy, signed by the Speaker of the House and the Representative providing the flag. (The Fallen Heroes Flag Act passed on a voice vote in the 111th Congress).</p> <p><u>This bill will allow members of Congress to honor these brave individuals for their heroism and extend a gesture of sympathy and gratitude to the immediate family.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO communicated our support for this legislation to Congressman King shortly after it was introduced. The bill passed the House by voice vote during Police Week.</u></p> <p><u>We look forward to continuing to work with Congressman King and his staff to ensure this bill becomes law.</u></p>
Support	H.R. 731	2/4/2015	Richard Nugent (R-FL)	The "Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act"	<i>A bill to reauthorize and improve the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004.</i> 22 cosponsors	2/4/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p>People with mental health conditions disproportionately are arrested and incarcerated. Using our criminal justice system as a mental health system does not make sense. The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act (JMCA) allows for the improvement of access to mental health services for people who come into contact with the criminal justice system, and gives law enforcement officers the tools they need to identify and respond to mental health issues in the community.</p> <p><u>NAPO is a strong supporter of the</u></p>

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							<p><u>Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP), which helps criminal justice and mental health agencies work collaboratively towards better outcomes.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO will continue to express support for the JMCA by engaging members of the House of Representatives and educating them on the importance of this program.</u></p>
Support	H.R. 814	2/9/2015	David Jolly (R-FL)	The "Thin Blue Line Act"	<p><i>A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide additional aggravating factors for the imposition of the death penalty based on the status of the victim.</i></p> <p>10 cosponsors</p>	<p>2/9/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>This bill will make the murder of a police officer, firefighter, or first responder an aggravating factor in death penalty determinations. This will be applicable whether they were murdered on duty, because of the performance of their duty, or because of their status as a public official. This bill encompasses every police officer, whether federal, state, or local, as well as any firefighter or first responder. The only requirement is that the homicide provide federal jurisdiction.</p> <p>These cases will be applied to capital murder offenses and tried in federal court. Current federal law only cites the homicide of a federal public servant. This bill will close that loophole and treat all law enforcement officers equally under federal law.</p> <p><u>NAPO strongly believes this bill is critical, as law enforcement officer assaults, injuries, and deaths have increased sharply in recent years. Establishing stricter penalties for those who harm law enforcement officers will deter crime. Any persons contemplating harming an officer must know that they will face serious punishments. Increased penalties make important differences in the attitudes of</u></p>

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							<u>criminals toward public safety officers, and ensure protection for the community.</u> <u>NAPO has communicated our support for this bill to Congressman Jolly. We look forward to working with the Congressman to pass this important legislation.</u>
Support	H.R. 879	2/11/2015	Frank Guinta (R-NH)	The "Ax the Tax on Middle Class Americans' Health Plans Act"	<i>A bill to repeal the "Cadillac Tax" on middle class Americans' health plans.</i> 54 cosponsors	2/11/2015 Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee	Beginning in 2018, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act imposes a new 40% annual excise tax on taxpayers who are covered by high-cost, or "Cadillac" health insurance plans. This bill will repeal the "Cadillac Tax," and ensure public safety officers and their families are not unduly burdened. <u>NAPO pledged our support for this important bill immediately after it was introduced, as the "Cadillac Tax" will negatively impact public safety officers across the nation. We look forward to working with Congressman Guinta and his staff to pass this important legislation.</u>
Under Review	H.R. 920	2/12/2015	Raul Labrador (R-ID)	The "Smarter Sentencing Act"	<i>A bill to focus limited federal resources on the most serious offenders.</i> 51 cosponsors	2/12/2015 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Judiciary Committee	<u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, but has concerns that altering mandatory minimum sentencing policies will strip law enforcement officers of a vital tool that is used to keep citizens safe.</u> <u>Moreover, mandatory minimums are correlated to the seriousness of the crime committed. Individuals are less likely to commit crimes when they know they are subject to increased sentences.</u> <u>NAPO will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u> <i>For additional information, please see S. 502.</i>
Support	H.R. 973	2/13/2015	Rodney Davis (R-IL)	The "Social Security Fairness Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to amend title II of the Social Security</i>	2/13/2015 Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee	<u>By significantly scaling back and reducing Social Security benefits for law enforcement officers and their survivors,</u>

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					<p><i>Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.</i></p> <p>107 cosponsors</p>		<p><u>as Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision fomuals do, officers and their families are provided much less protection against financial difficulties. NAPO continues to support efforts to totally repeal GPO and WEP from Title II of the Social Security Act, and will continue to actively work to pass this legislation.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information, please see S. 1651.</i></p>
Under Review	H.R. 1065	2/25/2015	Lacy Clay (D-MO)	The "POST Act of 2015"	<p><i>A bill to require that States receiving Byrne JAG funds to require sensitivity training for law enforcement officers of that State.</i></p> <p>0 cosponsors</p>	2/25/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p>This bill would require states receiving Byrne-JAG funds to require sensitivity training for law enforcement officers of those states. The penalty for non-compliance is a Byrne-JAG penalty.</p> <p><u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation. Although we continue to support increased training for law enforcement officers, we are concerned about the grant penalty language included in the bill. Officers are already operating with extremely limited resources, and we are concerned about the potential of this legislation to negatively impact the availability of resources for officers to use to keep our communities safe.</u></p>
Oppose	H.R. 1102	2/26/2015	Hank Johnson (D-GA)	The "Police Accountability Act of 2015"	<p><i>A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for assault or homicide committed by certain State or local law enforcement</i></p>	2/26/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p>In his press release, Congressman Johnson noted that this legislation expands the Department of Justice's (DOJ) authority to investigate officer involved deaths by making it a federal crime for police officers to commit murder and manslaughter. Proponents of this legislation have used recent events in Ferguson, Missouri to argue that the bill will ensure a more thorough review of investigations involving law enforcement officers.</p>

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					<i>officers, and for other purposes.</i> 12 cosponsors		<p><u>NAPO opposes this legislation, as any crime committed by a state or local police officer is already federally punishable and prosecutable if the officer violated anyone's federal constitutional rights. This obviously includes homicides. The proponents of this bill ignore the fact that even in the Ferguson, Missouri case, the DOJ found no basis to prosecute Officer Wilson, not because a federal law did not exist, but because no law was broken.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO will continue to voice these concerns as the legislation is considered.</u></p>
Under Review	H.R. 1124	2/26/2015	Al Green (D-TX)	The "Camera Accountability Maintenance and Transparency in Policing (CAM TIP) Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to establish a grant program providing for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.</i> 1 cosponsor	2/26/2015 Referred to the House Armed Services Committee and House Judiciary Committee	<p>This bill will establish a grant program providing for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers.</p> <p>The bill includes a requirement for the United States Attorney General to conduct a study on the cost to state and local law enforcement agencies of purchasing and using body-worn cameras.</p> <p>The bill also includes a requirement to establish a Task Force to provide recommendations on community policing, including best practices for creating accountability and transparency. (Task Force membership includes representatives of civil rights organizations, federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel, and community policing experts).</p> <p>Finally, the bill calls for a report on the Department of Defense's 1033 Program, including jurisdictions where equipment was sent, value of equipment, level of officer training, and how equipment was used.</p> <p><u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation. Although we support increased</u></p>

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							<u>grant funding for law enforcement equipment, we have concerns with the composition of the Task Force described in the bill. NAPO continues to advocate for the views of rank-and-file officers to be strongly considered, as rank-and-file officers will be most impacted by Task Force recommendations. Officers will not only be tasked with executing new policies developed from Task Force recommendations, but they are also citizens of communities that will be impacted by such decisions.</u>
Under Review	H.R. 1174	2/27/2015	Tom Marino (R-PA)	The "Law Enforcement Access to Data Stored Abroad Act (LEADS Act)"	<i>A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to safeguard data stored abroad from improper government access, and for other purposes.</i> 72 cosponsors	2/27/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<u>NAPO continues to closely monitor this legislation, and will keep our members updated as it moves forward.</u> <i>For additional information on this bill, please see S. 512.</i>
Support	H.R. 1185	2/27/2015	Steve Stivers (R-OH)	The "Responsible Additions and Increases to Sustain Employee (RAISE) Health Benefits Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the opportunity for responsible health savings to all American families.</i> 49 cosponsors	2/27/2015 Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee	This bill responds to individuals who have been negatively impacted by guidelines set forth in the Affordable Care Act regarding Flexible Spending Arrangements (FSAs). Law enforcement officers across the United States rely on FSAs to pay for healthcare services and items that are not covered by insurance. Officers have been negatively impacted by guidelines set forth in the Affordable Care Act, which decreased the amount an officer could contribute to an FSA from \$5,000 per year to \$2,500 per year. Even more, these accounts' end-of-year balances do not roll over from year to year, and the remaining funds are forfeited.

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							<p>The RAISE Act solves these issues by canceling the “use-it-or-lose-it” rule for all FSAs, allowing families to build balances over several years. The bill also doubles the current FSA annual contribution cap to \$5,000 per year and allows families with more than two dependents to save an additional \$500 a year for each additional dependent.</p> <p><u>NAPO strongly supports this legislation. In today’s economic climate, it is important to maximize personal savings, especially in regard to an officer’s annual healthcare expenses. The RAISE Act will ensure that officers can build savings needed to address their families’ medical costs.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO looks forward to continuing to work with Congressman Stivers and his staff to pass this important bill.</u></p>
Support	H.R. 1186	2/27/2015	Mac Thornberry (R-TX)	The “Synthetic Abuse and Labeling of Toxic Substances (SALTS) Act of 2015”	<p><i>A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act relating to controlled substance analogues.</i></p> <p>0 cosponsors</p>	<p>2/27/2015 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and House Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>The SALTS Act will address the growing problems associated with synthetic drugs. While taking these drugs, individuals can experience elevated heart rates and blood pressure, hallucinations, seizures, and extreme agitation. There have been reports from states around the country of people acting violently while under the influence of these drugs, leading to deaths or injuries to themselves and others.</p> <p>By making it easier to prove that synthetic drugs are intended for human consumption, this legislation will help law enforcement in their efforts to get these drugs off the streets and out of stores.</p> <p><u>NAPO has communicated our strong support of this legislation to Congressman Thornberry and his staff. We look forward to working with Congressman Thornberry to pass this important bill.</u></p>

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Support	H.R. 1196	3/2/2015	Michael Burgess (R-TX)	The "Health Savings Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify rules relating to health savings accounts.</i> 1 cosponsors	3/2/2015 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, House Judiciary Committee, and House Ways and Means Committee	<p>This bill will expand the use of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), and allow Americans to put aside money for themselves and their children to help mitigate the rising cost of deductibles and out-of-pocket healthcare expenses.</p> <p>Public safety officers have been impacted by the current law, which only allows HSAs to be purchased for certain health insurance plans, and contributions are restricted to levels that are often substantially lower than deductibles. This bill will ensure that HSAs may be used more broadly, thereby increasing patient choice in how healthcare dollars are spent.</p> <p><u>NAPO has discussed this bill at length with senior staffers of Senator Burgess. NAPO believes this bill is important to the law enforcement community, and will continue to work with Congressman Burgess and his staff to ensure it is passed.</u></p>
Oppose	H.R. 1232	3/4/2015	Hank Johnson (D-GA)	The "Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act"	<i>A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to make certain limitations on the transfer of personal property to Federal and State agencies, and for other purposes.</i> 45 cosponsors	3/4/2015 Referred to the House Armed Services Committee	<p>This legislation will place restrictions and transparency measures on the Department of Defense (DOD) Program that transfers excess military equipment to state and local law enforcement agencies (1033 Program).</p> <p><u>NAPO opposes this legislation, as it will inhibit the ability of law enforcement departments to acquire critical equipment that is currently available to state and local law enforcement through DOD's 1033 Program. Many departments would be unable to afford such equipment without access to the 1033 Program. This equipment is critical to maintaining the daily functions of law enforcement departments and ensuring the safety of law</u></p>

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							<p><u>enforcement personnel and the public they serve.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO plans to continue to voice our concerns with this bill to ensure resources continue to be made available.</u></p>
Support	H.R. 1269	3/4/2015	Dave Reichert (R-WA)	The "Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu National Blue Alert Act"	<p><i>A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>28 cosponsors</p>	<p>5/19/2015 Became Public Law, PL 114-12, 129 Stat. 192.</p>	<p><u>NAPO is a strong and active supporter of the Blue Alert system. Creating a nationwide system that responds to criminal action against law enforcement officers will ensure the safety of the officers and the public they serve.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO was involved in drafting the updated Blue Alert language, which includes language to address active threats. NAPO worked tirelessly to garner support for this legislation, which was passed by the House of Representatives during Police Week 2015, and became Public Law shortly thereafter.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information on this legislation, please see S. 665.</i></p>
Support	H.R. 1527	1/27/2015	Hakeem	The "Slain Officer	<i>A bill to</i>	4/1/2015 Became	This legislation extended the tax deadline

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			Jeffries (D-NY)	Family Support Act of 2015”	<i>accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.</i> 7 cosponsors	Public Law, PL 114-7, 129 Stat. 83	so that individuals making charitable donations for the families of assassinated New York Police Department Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos were able to apply such tax deductions to their 2014 tax return. <u>As we continue to mourn the loss of these officers, we want to ensure the families of these heroes receive as much support as possible. This legislation allowed for the provision of continued assistance to these families.</u> <u>NAPO communicated our support for this bill to Congressmen Jeffries, and expended all available efforts to ensure this bill was passed. (Congressman Jeffries highlighted NAPO as a supporter of the bill in a press release once the bill was passed).</u>
Under Review	H.R. 1538	3/23/2015	Steve Cohen (D-TN)	The “CARERS Act of 2015”	<i>A bill to extend the principle of federalism to State drug policy, provide access to medical marijuana, and enable research into the medicinal properties of marijuana.</i> 16 cosponsors	3/23/2015 Referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, House Financial Services Committee, and House Judiciary Committee	<u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, and will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u> <i>For additional information, please see S. 683.</i>
Support	H.R. 1547	3/23/2015	Erik Paulsen (R-MN)	The “Family Health Care Flexibility Act”	<i>A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal certain limitations on</i>	3/23/2015 Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee	<u>NAPO pledged our support for this legislation as soon as it was introduced. In today’s economic climate, it is important to maximize personal savings, especially in regard to an officer’s annual health care expenses. This bill will ensure that</u>

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					<p><i>health care benefits enacted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.</i></p> <p>15 cosponsors</p>		<p><u>officers can build savings needed to address their families' medical costs.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information, please see S. 836.</i></p>
Oppose	H.R. 1672	3/26/2015	Chaka Fattah (D-PA)	The "Record Expungement Designed to Enhance Employment Act (REDEEM Act)"	<p><i>A bill to provide for the sealing or expungement of records relating to Federal nonviolent criminal offenses, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>4 cosponsors</p>	<p>3/26/2015 Referred to the House Agriculture Committee, House Judiciary Committee, and House Ways and Means Committee</p>	<p><u>NAPO opposes this legislation, as we feel it will negatively impact public safety.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information, please see S. 675.</i></p>
Under Review	H.R. 1680	3/26/2015	Corrine Brown (D-FL)	The "Police Creating Accountability by Making Effective Recording Available Act"	<p><i>A bill to establish a pilot grant program to assist State and local law enforcement agencies in purchasing body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers.</i></p> <p>28 cosponsors</p>	<p>3/26/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee</p>	<p><u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, but has concerns that the provisions in the bill are impractical, and would be difficult to implement in the field. NAPO is closely monitoring this initiative, and will keep our members updated on its status.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information, please see S. 877.</i></p>
Support	H.R. 1786	4/14/2015	Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)	The "James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act"	<p><i>A bill to reauthorize the World Trade Center Health Program and the September 11th Victim Compensation</i></p>	<p>4/14/2015 Referred to the House Budget Committee, House Energy and Commerce Committee, & House Judiciary Committee</p>	<p><u>NAPO is a strong and active supporter of this legislation. These heroes put their lives on the line to serve us, and must be afforded every resource available as they cope with chronic health conditions caused by exposure to toxic chemicals at the World Trade Center.</u></p> <p><u>This legislation will also honor those</u></p>

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					<p><i>Fund of 2001, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>92 cosponsors</p>		<p><u>who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation. James Zadroga, a New York City Police Department Detective and member of NAPO, died of respiratory disease caused by his exposure to toxic chemicals at Ground Zero. It is our obligation and duty to remember these heroes and ensure that survivors who risked their lives to protect us continue to receive the treatment and compensation that they deserve.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO has expended all available efforts to reintroduce and garner support for this important legislation. We will continue to work with fellow stakeholders to pass this legislation as expeditiously as possible.</u></p> <p><i>For additional information, please see S. 928.</i></p>
Oppose	H.R. 1810	4/15/2015	Sheila Jackson Lee (R-TX)	The "Collection and Analysis to Education and Train (CADET) Law Enforcement Officers Act"	<p><i>A bill to revise the Uniform Crime Reports, and the National Incident-Based Reporting System, to direct the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to include information in those reports pertaining to law enforcement-involved justifiable homicides, and for other</i></p>	<p>4/15/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>This legislation will direct the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to revise the Uniform Crime Reports and National Incident-Based Reporting system to include information in those reports pertaining to uses of force resulting in death or injury by or against law enforcement officers. If a state or unit of local government fails to provide the required information, the Attorney General will reduce grant awards to that entity.</p> <p><u>NAPO opposes this legislation, as we have serious concerns that this bill will negatively impact the availability of resources for officers to use to keep our communities safe. NAPO will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u></p>

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					<i>purposes.</i> 4 cosponsors		
Support	H.R. 1854	4/16/2015	Doug Collins (R-GA)	The "Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act"	<i>A bill to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.</i> 44 cosponsors	4/16/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<u>NAPO is a strong supporter of this legislation, which will help criminal justice and mental health agencies work collaboratively towards better outcomes. This bill will help law enforcement agencies from across the United States in their responsibilities in assisting citizens with mental health conditions.</u> <u>NAPO continues to work with the bill's sponsors, Senator Franken and Congressman Collins, and fellow stakeholders to garner support for this legislation.</u> <i>For additional information, please see S. 993.</i>
Under Review	H.R. 1933	4/22/2015	John Conyers (D-MI)	The "End Racial Profiling Act"	<i>A bill to eliminate racial profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.</i> 95 cosponsors	4/22/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, and will keep our members updated on the status of this initiative.</u> <i>For additional information, please see S. 1056.</i>
Support	H.R. 2050	4/28/2015	Joe Courtney (D-CT)	The "Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act"	<i>A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.</i> 115 cosponsors	4/28/2015 Referred to the House Ways and Means Committee	This legislation will repeal the excise tax on high-cost health insurance plans scheduled to go into effect in 2018. The excise tax was established in a later version of the Affordable Care Act, ("Obamacare"), but its scheduled implementation was delayed five years by an effort led by Congressman Courtney with 191 House colleagues in 2010. <u>NAPO pledged our support for this legislation when it was introduced. NAPO will continue to work with members of Congress to repeal the "Cadillac" tax, and ensure public safety officers and their families are not unduly burdened.</u>

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Oppose	H.R. 2052	4/28/2015	Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)	The "Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act"	<i>A bill to amend section 242 of title 18, United States Code, to forbid the use of chokeholds by persons subject to that provision's prohibitions, and for other purposes.</i> 20 cosponsors	4/28/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation will make the use of police chokeholds illegal under federal law.</p> <p><u>NAPO opposes this legislation, as the blanket prohibition does not take into account situations where an officer would be justified in using force, even deadly force, to protect himself or herself from death or bodily harm, to protect a third party, or to stop a crime.</u></p>
Support	H.R. 2254	5/12/2015	Peter King (R-NY)	The "Law Enforcement Officers Equity Act"	<i>A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to include certain Federal positions within the definition of law enforcement officer for retirement purposes, and for other purposes.</i> 1 cosponsor	5/12/2015 Referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee	<p>This legislation will expand the definition of "law enforcement officer" for retirement purposes to include certain Federal law enforcement officers.</p> <p>NAPO strongly supports this legislation, as these officers face the same risks and challenges as law enforcement personnel currently classified as law enforcement officers. This bill will ensure that officers across the country, who put their lives on the line each and every day to protect us, earn the benefits that they deserve.</p> <p><u>NAPO has communicated our support for this legislation to Congressman King. We look forward to working with Congressman King and his staff to pass this critical legislation.</u></p>
Oppose	H.R. 2302	5/13/2015	Steve Cohen (D-TN)	The "Police Training and Independent Review Act"	<i>A bill to require that States receiving Byrne JAG funds to require sensitivity training for law enforcement</i>	5/13/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p>The goal of the legislation is to incentivize states to adopt laws requiring independent investigations and prosecutions of law enforcement officers in cases where one or more of the alleged offenses involves an officer's use of deadly force in the course of carrying out his or her official duties. The bill will also require all local law enforcement</p>

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					<p><i>officers of that State and to incentivize States to enact laws requiring the independent investigation and prosecution of the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.</i></p> <p>33 cosponsors</p>		<p>agencies who receive full federal Byrne-JAG funding to ensure that enrollees at law enforcement academies receive sensitivity training on ethnic and racial bias, cultural diversity, and police interaction with the disabled, mentally ill, and new immigrants.</p> <p><u>NAPO is concerned that this legislation pursues its goals through penalties to the Byrne JAG Program - a critical resource for law enforcement.</u></p> <p><u>This legislation has the potential to jeopardize public safety through Byrne JAG penalties. The Byrne JAG Program provides resources for multi-jurisdictional drug and gang task forces, information sharing and technology, county jails, prosecutors, drug courts, and juvenile delinquency and drug treatment courts. Losing access to a percentage of this funding will undermine law enforcement's mission to keep the public safe.</u></p> <p><u>Additionally, NAPO is concerned with the provision in the bill that would incentivize states (through Byrne JAG penalties) to adopt laws requiring independent investigations and prosecutions of law enforcement officers in cases where one or more of the alleged offenses involves an officer's use of deadly force in the course of carrying out his or her official duties. NAPO fears that an independent prosecutor would be under a great deal of pressure to justify his/her work. There is a risk that decisions to prosecute would be made based on politics, not on the law and admissible evidence. NAPO is concerned that an officer would be indicted, even if he/she did</u></p>

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							<u>nothing wrong.</u>
Under Review	H.R. 2318	5/14/2015	Dave Reichert (R-WA)	The "COPS Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.</i> 10 cosponsors	5/14/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p>This legislation will reauthorize and codify the Community Oriented Policing Services or COPS office within the Department of Justice. The bill will also expand current grant opportunities offered by the office to include the TROOPS-TO-COPS program providing for the hiring of former members of the Armed Services and a technology grant program focused on crime prevention. The funding also allows communities to take advantage of existing technologies that would not otherwise be available and ensures effectiveness and accountability.</p> <p><u>NAPO is currently reviewing this legislation, and will keep our members updated on new developments.</u></p>
Oppose	H.R. 2330	5/14/2015	Theodore Deutch (D-FL)	The "National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2015"	<i>A bill to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission.</i> 4 cosponsors	5/14/2015 Referred to the House Judiciary Committee	<p><u>NAPO opposes this legislation due to concerns about the selection of members for the Commission. Specifically, rank-and-file officers should be specifically identified to be appointed to the Commission. Additionally, NAPO believes details regarding membership need to be explicitly outlined.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO is also concerned about the restrictive timeframe within which the Commission is to complete its findings. The 18-month timeframe is insufficient to develop meaningful recommendations.</u></p> <p><u>NAPO agrees with the Commission's underlying intent to examine our criminal justice system. However, it is essential that rank-and-file officers be represented on the Commission. NAPO has communicated these concerns with the bill's Senate and House sponsors, Senator Peters and Congressman Deutch.</u></p>

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							<i>For additional information, please see S.1119.</i>