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October 9, 2013

New York State Board of Parole
1220 Washington Ave, Building 2
Albany, New York 12226-2050

Din: 75C0385

Inmate Last Name: Ruzas

Inmate First Name: John

Subject: Letter of Opposition

Dear Members of the Parole Board:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to express our strongest possible opposition to the parole of John Ruzas, who was convicted of second degree murder for the October 24, 1974 slaying of New York State Trooper Emerson Dillon.

NAPO is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, including the New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association; 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers; and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

Trooper Dillon was shot in the heart by Ruzas while Ruzas was fleeing from a jewelry store robbery. When Ruzas murdered Trooper Dillon, Ruzas was already on parole from Attica for his role in two earlier, additional robberies. Mr. Ruzas has thus clearly demonstrated that he is not in any way a suitable candidate for parole. He has no respect for the criminal justice system or the law enforcement officers who protect the public. The horror of the murder of this veteran State Trooper, husband, father of six, brother, and son would be compounded by the release of Mr. Ruzas.

John Ruzas is scheduled for a parole hearing during the week of November 18, 2013. We urge your support and action to ensure that this killer remain in prison. If NAPO can provide any additional information as you make your decision, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director