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The Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to you to express our support for S. 52, which will bar aliens associated with a criminal gang from entering the United States and make clear that they are not eligible for deferred deportation and should be placed in an expedited removal process.

NAPO is a coalition of police units and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement through legislative and legal advocacy, political action, and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, 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.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), there are approximately 33,000 violent street gangs, motorcycle gangs, and prison gangs with about 1.4 million members criminally active in the U.S. and Puerto Rico today. Gangs have been directly linked to drug and gun trafficking, prostitution and human trafficking, fraud, violent maiming, and assault and murder.

Cross-border crime by gangs is a significant concern for law enforcement. It impacts communities both along our Southwest border and across the country as drugs trafficked across the border are transported and sold on our neighborhood streets. With these drugs come an increase in assaults, larceny and burglary to our communities. By targeting aliens associated with criminal gangs, S. 52 would give law enforcement an important tool in fighting cross-border gang crimes as well as the steady growth in gang participation nationwide.

NAPO stands ready to support with any efforts necessary to pass this important legislation. If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director