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The Honorable Peter King United States House of Representatives 339 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman King:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I write to you to express our strong support of the Law Enforcement Officers Equity Act (H.R. 2254).

NAPO is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States. 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.

The Law Enforcement Officers Equity Act will expand the definition of "law enforcement officer" for retirement purposes to include certain Federal law enforcement officers.

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.

This legislation is especially important to our member group, the Postal Police Officers Association, who you met during Police Week.

NAPO is most grateful for your steadfast support of the law enforcement community, and we stand ready to assist with any efforts to advance this critical piece of legislation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: (703) 549-0774.

Sincerely.

William J. Johnson Executive Director