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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Speaker

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader

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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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**CRAIG LALLY**

Recording Secretary  
Los Angeles Police  
Protective League

Dear Speaker McCarthy and Minority Leader Jeffries,

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers we represent across the country, I am writing to advise you of our opposition to the Fifth Amendment Integrity Restoration (FAIR) Act of 2023, H.R. 1525, as approved by the House Judiciary Committee on June 14.

**SCOTT HOVSEPIAN**

Treasurer  
Massachusetts Coalition  
of Police

This legislation would eliminate the equitable sharing program, a vital program that provides state and local law enforcement agencies with a means to participate in federal task forces to prevent and foil serious criminal activity and terrorism, purchase equipment, upgrade technology, engage their communities, and better train and protect their officers.

**SCOTT LEETON**

Executive Secretary  
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Given the remarkable success of the equitable sharing program in creating and sustaining effective partnerships between federal, state, and local law enforcement in the fight against violent crime, the proposed elimination of this program in the FAIR Act is inexplicable. In regard to claims of abuse within the program, any examples of abuse are anomalies in an otherwise successful collaboration between the federal government and its state and local partners.

**MARK YOUNG**

Vice President,  
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The elimination of equitable sharing payments will not only force agencies to cut training for officers and scrap the purchase of needed new technology and equipment, but it may also cause agencies to reconsider their ability to participate in joint task forces with the federal government. The effects of this will be far reaching and are not only harmful to law enforcement, but also to the public they are sworn to protect.

**JAMES PALMER**

Parliamentarian  
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**WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE**

Executive Director and  
General Counsel

For these reasons, NAPO opposes the FAIR Act. We appreciate your consideration of our concerns. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director