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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Reed, and Ranking Member Wicker:

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 express our strong support for four amendments filed to S. 4638, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2025: S. Amdt. 2528, S. Amdt. 2423, S. Amdt. 2175, and S. Amdt. 2177.

NAPO supports S. Amdt. 2528, the Law Enforcement and Victim Support Act, offered by Senators John Cornyn and Jon Ossoff. This bipartisan amendment is comprised of nine bills that passed unanimously out of the Senate, including several priority bills for NAPO: the Fighting PTSD Act, the American Law Enforcement SAVER Act, Project Safe Neighborhoods Reauthorization Act, the Strong Communities Act, and Project Safe Childhood Act. These bills help protect the mental health and physical wellbeing of law enforcement officers, provide resources to address the recruitment crisis the profession is facing, and give departments tools to fight violent crime and protect our innocent children from exploitation.

We also support S. Amdt. 2423, the Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act, sponsored by Senator Amy Klobuchar, which would recognize carcinogen-related cancers as line of duty injuries under the Department of Justice's Public Safety Officer's Benefits (PSOB) Program. Much like the PACT Act, this amendment recognizes the physical consequences of first responders inhaling deadly chemical fumes and particulate matter from car crashes, house fires, and chemical spills, amongst other events and disasters.

NAPO supports two amendments offered by Senators Catherine Cortez Masto and Charles Grassley: S. Amdt. 2175, the Combating Illicit Xylazine Act, which would add xylazine, a deadly drug compounding the opioid crisis, to the Controlled Substances Act,

and S. Amdt. 2177, the Invest to Protect Act, which would help provide much needed training and resources to small police departments.

Every one of these amendments provides support and resources for state and local law enforcement, who play a significant role in our nation's security, and gives them the tools to effectively protect our communities. NAPO urges you to support these amendments and join us in fighting for their inclusion in the final Fiscal 2025 NDAA. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William J. Johnson
Executive Director