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Dear Chairman Risch and Ranking Member Shaheen,

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to advise you of our support for the nomination of Senator Marco Rubio for Secretary of State. Senator Rubio's experience, including his time as Vice-Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and as a member of your esteemed Committee, make him uniquely qualified to serve as our nation's next Secretary of State.

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 and over 241,000 law enforcement officers who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

Throughout his time as Senator representing the State of Florida, he worked closely with us and the Florida Police Benevolent Association, a NAPO member organization, to ensure Florida's and our nation's law enforcement officers had the support and resources necessary to efficiently and effectively serve and protect our communities. We supported his efforts to close the de minimis loophole and help stem the flow of illegal and deadly narcotics like fentanyl into the country. We look forward to assisting his continued efforts to protect our nation's communities from the illegal drugs that our pouring across our borders.

We believe Senator Rubio will serve our nation well as the next Secretary of State. On a personal level, my work and interactions with Senator Rubio only strengthen my conviction that he is the right person for this position. Therefore, NAPO urges the Committee to support the nomination of Senator Marco Rubio. Please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775 if there is anything I or our organization can do in further support of Senator Rubio's nomination.

Sincerely,

Michael McHale

President

Cc: Members, Foreign Relations Committee, United States Senate

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