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Executive Director and General Counsel The Honorable Scott Peters United States House of Representatives 2369 Rayburn Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Peters:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the nation, I am writing to express our strong support for the Providing Child Care for Police Officers Act.

This legislation is vital, as law enforcement agencies across the country are experiencing significant challenges recruiting and retaining officers. The Providing Child Care for Police Officers Act would help lift barriers to entry and retention for parents seeking employment or already employed by law enforcement agencies. Through grant funding, this Act would help agencies establish childcare centers specifically tailored for law enforcement officers that accommodate for the nonstandard hours that many work.

NAPO strongly believes that this bill will help contribute to safer communities as it will assist in the recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers. The San Diego Police Officers Association, a NAPO member organization, created the first such childcare center in the nation and it has proved that by easing the complications of childcare services it allowed their officers to better preform in their work. Officers have one of the toughest jobs in the country and deserve to know that their children are being looked after while they are risking their lives to keep us safe.

We thank you for your support of America's law enforcement community. We look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely.

William J. Johnson
Executive Director

Cc: Lieutenant Jared Wilson, President, San Diego Police Officers Association