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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Patty Murray
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Dear Chairman Cole and Chairwoman Collins and Ranking Members DeLauro and Murray,

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On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the over 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers we represent across the country, I am writing to thank you for your consistent leadership in supporting federal assistance to state and local law enforcement and criminal justice programs, particularly the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Program, the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program, the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA), and the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Program. As you work to finalize Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and FY 2026 appropriations, we respectfully urge continued robust funding for state and local law enforcement in the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spending measures.

Federal grant funding supports state and local law enforcement efforts to combat crime, drugs, and gangs in our communities. It has assisted in reducing and preventing the manufacture, distribution, and use of illegal drugs; improving law enforcement response to mental health crises; training officers to respond to active shooter scenarios and acts of terrorism; and addressing emerging law enforcement needs, including officer mental health and wellness.

Law enforcement officials and the public recognize the benefits of putting more police on the street, which is why initiatives to hire and maintain more officers in the field to promote community policing, fight crime, and improve officer safety and wellness should be continued and supported. As major cities across the country are facing a serious recruitment and retention crisis and violent crime remains stubbornly high, now is not the time to put additional stress on state and local police forces by leaving them short-

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handed. It is vital that DOJ and DHS state and local law enforcement assistance programs be adequately funded.

NAPO has long prioritized strong federal funding for state and local law enforcement grant programs, which play a vital role in ensuring our members have the resources necessary to efficiently and effectively protect and serve America's communities. We look forward to working with you to support our nation's state, local, and Tribal law enforcement. Please contact me at (703) 549-0775 if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Johnson', followed by a long horizontal line.

William J. Johnson
Executive Director