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Dear Chairman Cole and Chairwoman Collins and Ranking Members DeLauro and Murray,

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing some 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the nation, I am writing to thank you for safeguarding and continuing an independent Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) within the Department of Justice (DOJ) and for your longstanding support for our nation's law enforcement community.

By directing the DOJ to maintain the COPS Office as "a distinct organizational grantmaking entity within the Department" in the Fiscal Year 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS) appropriations measure, you acted to preserve a significant, dedicated resource for state and local law enforcement agencies and officers. The Fiscal 2026 CJS spending bill also sufficiently funds the various programs administered by the COPS Office that are vital to state and local law enforcement's ability to serve and protect our communities efficiently and effectively.

Serving as the lead national law enforcement organization, NAPO worked tirelessly with members of Congress and the Administration to enact the COPS Program in 1994. Since its inception, the COPS Program has been extremely successful in implementing and carrying out its designated objectives. Thank you for helping America's law enforcement keep our streets safe and recognizing the importance of maintaining a strong, independent COPS Office.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director