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President
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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

JOHN A. FLYNN
Vice President
Police Benevolent
Association of New York City

Dear President Biden:

TODD HARRISON
Recording Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement
Associations of Texas

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPPO) and the more than 241,000 rank-and-file law enforcement officers we represent across the United States, I am writing regarding your May 7, 2021 Proclamation on Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, 2021.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition
of Police

We appreciate that you felt you needed to issue a Proclamation and value its recognition of the contributions of the men and women who serve in law enforcement, particularly over the past-year, which, as you state, has been incredibly challenging for law enforcement officers.

MARC KOVAR
Sergeant-at-Arms
New Jersey State Policemen's
Benevolent Association

However, we note that it was not at all a strong statement in support of our nation's law enforcement community, particularly in light of the declarations made by members of your Cabinet, specifically Attorney General Garland and Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas, marking National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

CRAIG D. LALLY
Executive Secretary
Los Angeles Police
Protective League

For one week a year, we as a nation recognize the sacrifice and heroism of the men and women who serve in law enforcement. This year, the names of 394 officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Men and women faithfully and selflessly serve and protect their communities as law enforcement officers and during National Police Week they deserve respect and recognition for their work without qualifying it with statements on the need for improvement.

MARK YOUNG
Vice President,
Associate Members
Detroit Police Lieutenants &
Sergeants Association

Thus, we are profoundly disappointed that you chose to use this Proclamation as a raw political messaging opportunity, and apparently felt the need to toss a sop to anti-police extremists instead of simply honoring the fallen.

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
Wisconsin Professional Police
Association

Mr. President, we appreciate your consideration of our concerns and we look forward to working with you to better support our nation's law enforcement officers.

Sincerely,

Michael McHale
President

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel