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August 9, 2013

NAPO President Thomas J. Nee,  
317 South Patrick St.  
Alexandria, VA  
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Dear President Nee:

On March 28, 2013, Michigan Public Act 436 of 2012 ("PA 436") became effective and Kevyn D. Orr became the Emergency Manager ("EM") for the City of Detroit with all the powers and duties provided under PA 436.

On July 18, 2013 (the "Petition Date"), the EM for the City of Detroit, Michigan filed a petition for relief under chapter 9 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The City's bankruptcy case is captioned *In re City of Detroit, Michigan*, Case No. 13-53846 (Bankr. E.D. Mich.) (The "Chapter 9 Case"), and is pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

I write to you in an effort to garner the support of NAPO in these proceedings out of fear of the inevitable. As we know the success or failure of the Detroit Police Officers Association (DPOA) will be used for or against police organizations throughout the nation. I request that NAPO aggressively join the DPOA by rendering assistance with the cost of litigating these proceedings (which will deplete the DPOA's funds); as well as any other assistance NAPO can offer.

As one entity cannot sustain the cost of these bankruptcy proceedings alone, the Detroit Police Command Officers Association (DPCOA), Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association (LSA) and the Detroit Fire Fighters Association (DFFA) have joined with the DPOA financially. Jointly, we have hired the Law firm of Erman, Teicher, Miller, Zucker & Freedman, P.C. to represent us in these bankruptcy proceedings. Also of note, the DFFA has successfully enlisted the support of the International Fire Fighters Association (IFFA).

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I come to you at this critical turning point for your assistance in protecting law enforcement associations serving throughout this great nation.

Very truly yours,

DETROIT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Diaz', is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mark Diaz  
President