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The Honorable David Dreier  
United States House of Representatives  
233 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Congressman Dreier:

EDWARD W. GUZDEK

Recording Secretary

Police Conference of New York

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 236,000 rank-and-file police officers from across the United States, I would like to thank you for introducing the "Peace Officer Justice Act" and advise you of our wholehearted support for the legislation. If enacted, this legislation will greatly assist state and local law enforcement bring violent criminals to justice.

SEAN SMOOT

Treasurer

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Under current law, it is a crime to kill a federal law enforcement officer and peace officer engaged in a federal crime investigation. The "Peace Officer Justice Act," H.R. 2363, extends this law to make it a federal crime to murder a state or local peace officer, as well as a federal peace officer, and flee the country. H.R. 2363 will ensure that criminals who murder law enforcement officers and flee the country to avoid prosecution will have the full weight of the federal government on their trail. The ability to use the power of the federal government in the apprehension of criminals provides a powerful tool to prosecutors and law enforcement in their efforts to bring justice to the victim's family and loved ones.

TED HUNT

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WILLIAM J. JOHNSON

Executive Director

NAPO looks forward to fighting for this legislation's passage and I thank you for your continued support of law enforcement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or NAPO's Legislative Assistant, Andrea Mournighan, at (202) 842-4420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Johnson".

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director

*The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 2,000 police unions and associations, 236,000 sworn law enforcement officers, 11,000 retired officers and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.*