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**MICHAEL McHALE**  
President  
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The Honorable Robert W. Goodlatte  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.  
Ranking Member  
Committee on the Judiciary

**JOHN A. FLYNN**  
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**TODD HARRISON**  
Recording Secretary  
*Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas*

Dear Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Conyers:

**SCOTT HOVSEPIAN**  
Treasurer  
*Massachusetts Coalition of Police*

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to advise you of our strong support for H.R. 2228, the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act, and ask that you support the bill, without amendment, when the Committee considers it on October 12.

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

NAPO is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's rank-and-file law enforcement through legislative and legal advocacy, political action, and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers, and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

**CRAIG D. LALLY**  
Executive Secretary  
*Los Angeles Police Protective League*

State and local law enforcement officers are our nation's first responders. They respond to our country's greatest tragedies as well as violent and abhorrent crimes that unfortunately occur with some frequency in our neighborhoods. They have seen and experienced horrors that they cannot forget, yet they still put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve our communities. It is time that we recognize the stress and strain of the job and give officers the resources they need to address their emotional and mental wellbeing.

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

**JAMES PALMER**  
Parliamentarian  
*Wisconsin Professional Police Association*

The Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act is an important first step in ensuring officers across the country have access to the best mental health services available and feel supported in using those services.

**WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE**  
Executive Director and  
General Counsel

NAPO urges you to approve H.R. 2228 without further amendment and show your support for officers who give up so much to protect and serve our communities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director

Cc: Members, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives