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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee
United States House of Representatives
2252 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Jackson Lee:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to you to express our opposition to the Collection and Analysis of Data to Educate and Train Law Enforcement Officers Act (CADET Act) (H.R. 1810).

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 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.

The CADET Act would direct the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to revise the Uniform Crime Reports and National Incident-Based Reporting System to include information in those reports pertaining to uses of force resulting in death or injury by or against law enforcement officers. If a state or unit of local government failed to provide the required information, the Attorney General would reduce grant awards to that entity.

NAPO opposes this legislation, as we have serious concerns that this bill will negatively impact the availability of resources for officers to use to keep our communities safe.

Moreover, the bill text indicates a strong bias against police officers, as those offenders shot by police are defined as "victims" in the bill's language.

NAPO urges you to strongly consider our concerns with this legislation. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director