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December 8, 2020

MICHAEL McHALE  
President  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer,

TODD HARRISON  
Recording Secretary  
Combined Law Enforcement  
Associations of Texas

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the country, I am writing to urge you to include direct, flexible funding to state and local governments in this next COVID-19 relief package.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN  
Treasurer  
Massachusetts Coalition  
of Police

State and local governments big and small are struggling with budget holes and significant revenue losses due to the pandemic and the steps that had to be taken to protect the public. As a result, police departments across the country have told their officers that department civilian staff are being furloughed and laid off and that they will be next for furlough and layoffs. This is at a time when law enforcement agencies are stretched to their limits between the impact of the virus on police forces and rising violent crime rates across the country. Law enforcement and public safety will be negatively impacted if direct, flexible funding is not given to state and local governments to help them offset budget and revenue shortfalls created by these crises.

MARC KOVAR  
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Without this aid, police departments across the nation will essentially be defunded as officers are laid off, academy classes are canceled, community policing programs are gutted and vital training is postponed. Aid to state and local governments is essential to ensuring we are able to retain trained and experienced officers and law enforcement agencies are able to continue to serve and protect the public.

JAMES PALMER  
Parliamentarian  
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WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE  
Executive Director and  
General Counsel

Therefore, NAPO urges you to include direct funding to states and localities in this next coronavirus response legislation. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.  
Executive Director