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Honorable Frank LoBiondo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2427 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 241,000 rank-and-file officers from across the United States, I am writing to you to express full support for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant Act of 2013 (H.R. 988).

This legislation would reauthorize the highly successful BVP Grant Program for another four years, and ensure that all of America's law enforcement officers are provided with the life-saving protection they need.

The BVP Grant Program is a critical resource for state and local jurisdictions. To date, this vital program has enabled over 13,000 state and local law enforcement agencies to purchase over one million vests. However, while many officers are protected by bullet-resistant armor, an alarming number of officers, many in small departments across the United States, are not afforded this same protection due to local budget constraints. NAPO strongly believes the advancement of this legislation is essential to assist state and local law enforcement efforts to purchase bullet resistant vests for their officers.

Law enforcement officers risk their lives each and every day to keep our communities safe. These brave men and women must be protected with the proper equipment.

NAPO stands ready to support any efforts necessary to pass this important bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director