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August 8, 2014

The Honorable Chris Coons
United States Senate
127A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Coons:

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 Fairness for Fallen Officers Act of 2014 (S.2332).

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 Fairness for Fallen Officers Act will close an unintended loophole in the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program by adding fatal climate-related injuries to the list of injuries for which there is a presumption in favor of the benefit. First responders put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities. This legislation will ensure that families of fallen officers receive the benefits that they deserve.

NAPO stands ready to support with any efforts necessary to pass this important legislation. If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Johnson', written over a light blue horizontal line.

William J. Johnson
Executive Director