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September 30, 2013

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

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 Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2013 (S.822).

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 Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2013 improves and ensures public confidence in the criminal justice system. This legislation reauthorizes the bipartisan Justice for All Act of 2004, which increased resources devoted to DNA and other forensic technology, established safeguards to prevent wrongful convictions, and enhanced protections for crime victims. The Justice for All Act of 2013 reauthorizes and improves the programs created by this historic bill. The bill improves services for crime victims and provides support to state and local governments to use DNA evidence to convict guilty offenders and exonerate the innocent.

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', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

William J. Johnson
Executive Director