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The Honorable Michael Grimm
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Pedro Pierluisi
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Dear Representative Grimm:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 241,000 rank-and-file law enforcement officers from across the United States, I would like to thank and commend you for your support of a "Blue Alert" system that would disseminate information when law enforcement officers are injured or killed in the line of duty.

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, 11,000 retired officers and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

The start of 2011 has seen an increase of deaths for law enforcement officers. Each day thousands of officers put their lives on the line to serve and protect our nation from crime and potential homeland security attacks. The creation and implementation of a Blue Alert System will give law enforcement agencies the necessary tools to expedite the apprehension of criminals who harm officers.

Creating a nationwide system to respond to criminal action against law enforcement officers will advance safety improve communications across the law enforcement community.

NAPO is pleased to support your campaign and is confident of your strong support of America's finest. NAPO believes the advancement of this legislation is essential to assist the law enforcement community. If you have any questions on how NAPO can support your efforts, please feel free to contact me, or NAPO's Director of Government Affairs, Rachel Hedge, at (703) 549-0774.

Sincerely,

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