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June 7, 2011

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 241,000 rank-and-file police officers from across the United States, I am writing to advise you of our endorsement of the nomination of Robert Mueller for reappointment as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Serving as the Director since being appointed by President George Bush on September 4, 2001, Mr. Mueller has played a critical role in continuing the Department's relationship with state and local law enforcement.

Before being appointed Director, Mr. Mueller served in the United States Department of Justice as an assistant to the Attorney General where he also headed the Criminal Division. Before his career at the Department of Justice, Mr. Mueller joined the U.S. Marine Corps and then practiced law.

Shortly after Mr. Mueller's appointment, the FBI established the Office of Law Enforcement Coordination (OLEC) to create new partnerships and strengthen and support existing relationships between the FBI and state and local law enforcement. Mr. Mueller's success in bringing the state and local enforcement and criminal justice communities to the table over the past nine years is evident and NAPO looks forward to furthering this commitment.

NAPO strongly believes Mr. Mueller's distinguished career and institutional knowledge qualify him for reappointment as the Director of the FBI. We respectfully urge you to confirm this nomination. 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) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director