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October 31, 2011

New York State Board of Parole
97 Central Avenue
Albany, New York 12206

Re: John Ruzas, DIN NO.75C0385

Dear Members of the Parole Board:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 241,000 rank-and-file law enforcement officers from across the United States, including the New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association, I am writing to urge you to **oppose** the parole of John Ruzas (DIN NO.75C0385).

We vehemently oppose the parole of John Ruzas, who, in 1974 was convicted of second-degree murder in the shooting death of New York State Trooper, Emerson Dillon. Trooper Dillon was on routine patrol when he initiated a traffic stop. John Ruzas, a passenger in the stopped vehicle shot and killed Trooper Dillon.

NAPO believes that releasing this killer would depreciate the severity of his crime and diminish respect for the law. Trooper Dillon was a husband and father of six children. Granting a modification in the Sentence of John Ruzas would have a devastating effect on Emerson Dillon's family, the police community, and all who value a civilized society.

Therefore, NAPO strongly urges the Board not to alter John Ruzas's sentence. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at NAPO's Alexandria, Virginia office at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director

cc: Board of Directors, New York State Troopers PBA
The Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Governor, New York