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Honorable Michael Capuano
Member, United States House of Representatives
1414 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Capuano:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I would like to express our strong support for the "Officer Sean Collier Campus Police Recognition Act of 2013" (H.R. 2235).

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.

MIT Police Officer Collier lost his life while protecting both the campus and the greater Boston community. The killers who took his life targeted him because he was a police officer. They didn't care who his employing agency was. He was an officer and that was good enough for them to make him a target of their fury. It is unconscionable that our government currently does not provide officers like Sean Collier that same recognition. This legislation will honor Officer Collier by ensuring that campus police officers are added to the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. Campus police officers serve their communities with integrity and valor, and deserve to be included among those public safety personnel whose survivors are eligible to receive benefits under the PSOB program.

NAPO is pleased to support this bill, and believes it is essential to the law enforcement community. If you have any questions or suggestions as to how NAPO can support your efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director