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October 17, 2014

The Honorable Michael McCaul
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman McCaul:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I write to you to recommend ways to inhibit the spread of the Ebola virus in the United States through travel restrictions and the implementation of new protocols for those responsible for addressing Ebola threats at airports.

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. Founded in 1978, NAPO represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, including the men and women of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department Police Benevolent Association, and some 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the United States.

NAPO is very concerned for the safety of our first responders and the public that they protect. We feel strongly that steps can be taken to prevent the spread of this disease. To ensure the safety of our nation, we propose the following actions: ban flights from affected nations; require that medical personnel traveling to and from the affected countries, as well as infected Americans traveling to the country for treatment, be transported by specially reserved and monitored designated aircraft; and institute a uniform national protocol among agencies (airport police; Customs and Border Protection; and EMS) responsible for addressing the Ebola threat at airports and other ports of entry.

Swift action must be taken to ensure the safety of our public and prevent the spread of this deadly virus. The above actions will also help to instill confidence in travelers across the country.

If we can provide any additional information as you review our recommendations, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

William J. Johnson
Executive Director