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President  
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Association

The Honorable David Bradley  
Senate Democratic Leader  
Arizona State Senate

JOHN A. FLYNN  
Vice President  
Police Benevolent Association  
of the City of New York

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Dear Senator Bradley:

TODD HARRISON  
Recording Secretary  
Combined Law Enforcement  
Associations of Texas

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to you to condemn the invocation of convicted murderer and cop-killer Joanne Chesimard in the Arizona State Senate Democratic Caucus statement on Reaction to Death of George Floyd.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN  
Treasurer  
Massachusetts Coalition  
of Police

NAPO is a coalition of police associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement officers. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police units and associations and 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

MARC KOVAR  
Sergeant-at-Arms  
New Jersey State Policemen's  
Benevolent Association

Joanne Chesimard is the only woman on the FBI's most wanted terrorist list for her role in the cold-blooded killing of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster in 1973. The fact that she is quoted in your statement as a leader to follow is an affront to the men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting our communities as law enforcement officers – above all to the family and friends of police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

CRAIG D. LALLY  
Executive Secretary  
Los Angeles Police  
Protective League

MARK YOUNG  
Vice President,  
Associate Members  
Detroit Police Lieutenants &  
Sergeants Association

What happened to George Floyd was cause for great concern. However, by quoting Joanne Chesimard in your statement, you are condoning and promoting that violence and killing a law enforcement officer is a responsible way to affect change. As a State Senator, Arizona's and the broader law enforcement community counts on you to stand up for and support the men and women who risk their lives every day to ensure our neighborhoods and communities are safe. You cannot do so unless you repudiate everything for which Joanne Chesimard stands. There is no way to delink Chesimard from the role she played in the execution-style killing of State Trooper Foerster or the fact that she is now a wanted fugitive living free in Cuba while no justice has been brought to Trooper Foerster's family for his murder.

JAMES PALMER  
Parliamentarian  
Wisconsin Professional Police  
Association

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE  
Executive Director and  
General Counsel

You must condemn the invocation of Joanne Chesimard and everything she represents.

Sincerely,

Michael McHale  
President