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### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS April 7, 2021

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The Honorable Timothy M. Kenny  
Chief Judge  
Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan

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Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
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Dear Chief Judge Kenny:

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN  
Treasurer

Massachusetts Coalition  
of Police

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPPO), we write to you to express our extreme dismay with the decision of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Talon to grant medical compassionate release to Eddie Ray Johnson Jr., who is charged with the premeditated murder of Detroit Police Sergeant Elaine Williams, the mother of his son and a highly respected officer.

MARC KOVAR  
Sergeant-at-Arms

New Jersey State Policemen's  
Benevolent Association

NAPPO 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. NAPPO represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, including the Detroit Police Officers Association, the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, and the Detroit Police Command Officers Association, and 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers, who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

CRAIG D. LALLY  
Executive Secretary

Los Angeles Police  
Protective League

Johnson is charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Premeditated Murder and Felony Firearm for the shooting death of Sgt. Williams, who he shot five times, with her son still in the house. Judge Talon decided to release Johnson on a \$10,000 bond and a GPS tether, a release that is usually reserved for non-violent offenders. Medical compassionate release is not intended for someone who committed such a heinous and violent crime. It is an affront to Sgt. Williams' family, her fellow officers of the Detroit Police Department, and the citizens of Detroit that such a violent criminal is being allowed back into the community on compassionate release.

MARK YOUNG  
Vice President,  
Associate Members

Detroit Police Lieutenants &  
Sergeants Association

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JAMES PALMER  
Parliamentarian

Wisconsin Professional Police  
Association

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE  
Executive Director and  
General Counsel

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Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq., CAE  
Executive Director