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Association

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

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

Dear President Biden:

TODD HARRISON
Recording Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement
Associations of Texas

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the more than 241,000 rank-and-file law enforcement officers we represent across the United States, I am writing regarding the 2016 anti-law enforcement posting on Facebook by Jalina Porter, now the deputy spokesperson for the U.S. Department of State.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition
of Police

The views Ms. Porter expressed in that 2016 Facebook post are greatly disappointing. Not only did she state that "U.S. cops" are a greater threat to our national security than Russian hackers or ISIS, but she also implied that the law enforcement profession is perpetuating a genocide against Black Americans. While Ms. Porter issued a statement on February 2 acknowledging that the language she used to express her feelings was not constructive, she did not apologize for the sentiment of the post.

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

As a private citizen, our Constitution affords her the right to hold and express these views. However, it is profoundly concerning to us that a spokesperson for our government has harbored such an openly hostile and defamatory view of police and we hope that those views are not perpetuated.

CRAIG D. LALLY
Executive Secretary
Los Angeles Police
Protective League

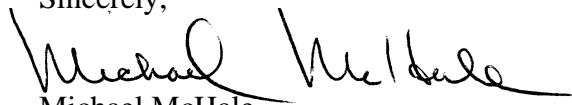
We understand many of our nation's communities have lost trust in law enforcement and we hope to work with your Administration in improving policing practices in this country. We want to move forward with improving our relationship with our communities and enhance their trust in our profession, but if such sentiments are held by the Administration, this will be difficult to do. The men and women of the law enforcement community put their lives on the line every day to serve and protect their communities and they deserve the support and respect of their government.

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

Mr. President, we appreciate your consideration of our concerns and we look forward to working with you to improve policing in our nation.

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
Wisconsin Professional Police
Association

Sincerely,


Michael McHale
President

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel