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The Honorable Richard Durbin
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) and the more than 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers we represent across the United States, I am writing to advise you of our serious concerns with the nomination of Nusrat J. Choudhury to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

In 2015, a tweet stating that the killing of unarmed Black men by police “happens every day” in America was attributed to Ms. Choudhury. During her nomination hearing last year, she did not disavow the tweet, but stated that it was made in her role as an “advocate”. The fact that it took two weeks after the hearing for her to completely disavow the statement is incredibly concerning, particularly for someone seeking to be a U.S. District Judge. Further, while she has renounced the statement, she has not condemned it for being the salacious falsehood that it is. This shows an anti-police bias that would certainly cloud her decision making as a judge and not only hamper her relationship with the law enforcement community but also law enforcement’s relationship with the communities they serve.

As a private citizen, our Constitution affords Ms. Choudhury the right to hold and express these views. However, it is profoundly concerning to us that a nominee to be U.S. District Judge has harbored such an openly hostile and defamatory view of police.

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 high-ranking members of our judicial system, 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 support and respect from every level of our judicial system.

We appreciate your consideration of our concerns with Ms. Choudhury. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.
Executive Director

Cc: Members, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate