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May 28, 2015

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
United States House of Representatives  
1607 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Jeffries:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to you to express our opposition to the Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act (H.R. 2052).

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, political action, and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police units and associations, 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers, and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

The Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act would make the use of police chokeholds illegal under federal law. NAPO opposes this legislation, as the blanket prohibition does not take into account situations where an officer would be justified in using force, even deadly force, to protect himself or herself from death or bodily harm, to protect a third party, or to stop a crime.

NAPO urges you strongly consider our concerns with this legislation. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please feel free to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Johnson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director