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RE: Combating Illicit Vapor Products Threatening Our Communities

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing some 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers across the country, I am writing to thank you for leadership and continued efforts to combat the illicit vapor products that are threatening our communities. The coordinated enforcement operations, led by the Department of Justice, together with the Food and Drug Administration and other federal law enforcement partners, are crucial to protecting our communities from unregulated and dangerous vapor products that pose serious health and safety risks.

These illegal vaping products, which are flooding the domestic marketplace at alarming rates, are largely manufactured in China and are unregulated. As you stated in your testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on October 7, illicit vape manufacturers are targeting children with various flavoring and even disguising their products as toys. They are lacing their products with THC and what they are laced with next may be deadly, making it vital that we get ahead of this very serious issue now.

As demonstrated by the various law enforcement actions in September, this fight is about much more than illegal vaping substances. It is also about transnational criminal organizations tied to these products and the gun and drug crimes associated with them. Sustained aggressive enforcement against illegal vape shops and products is vital to protecting our communities from crime and safeguarding the health and safety of our children.

We commend you for your focus on combatting illicit vapor products and stand with you in support of continued enforcement efforts. If NAPO can provide any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703) 549-0775 or bjohnson@napo.org.

Sincerely,

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