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July 3, 2013 The Honorable Patrick Leahy Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am pleased to inform you of our support for the nomination of James Comey to serve as the next Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

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.

Mr. Comey is one of our nation's most skilled and respected national security and law enforcement professionals. Throughout his career, Mr. Comey has demonstrated that he is exceptionally qualified to handle the full range of challenges faced by today's FBI, especially during his time as Deputy Attorney General of the United States. Mr. Comey has been a dedicated career public servant, and has continually evidenced his integrity, strong judgment, and commitment to the law enforcement mission.

We urge the Senate Judiciary Committee to act swiftly in confirming Mr. Comey for this critical position. If NAPO can provide any additional information to support Mr. Comey's nomination, please do not hesitate to contact me at: (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

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William J. Johnson Executive Director