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The Honorable Eric Holder
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Holder:

On behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and our 21,000 members worldwide, I am writing to acknowledge Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West for his unyielding support of IACP and the law enforcement community.

I recently had the opportunity to meet Mr. West at a mid-size agency chiefs meeting that was held in Alexandria, Virginia, last month where he gave a presentation to the chiefs. Mr. West gave a very thorough overview of the activities of your office and responded to the many questions asked in a forthright manner. In my and Executive Director Bart R. Johnson's personal engagement with him after the meeting—and our executive director's follow-up with him after the meeting—we have been impressed with his genuine, forthright approach and his relentless follow-up on important issues. Mr. West's programmatic and policy support for efforts, such as D-Block; information sharing; and, most recently, the changes that were made to the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB), is greatly appreciated and has positively impacted law enforcement throughout the country.

Mr. West is a committed advocate for public safety, as evidenced by his professional tenure as a federal prosecutor and Special Assistant Attorney General in California. His prior, distinguished service in the Justice Department reflects the same core values that our association shares. In addition, in his current position as Acting Associate Attorney General, he continues to prioritize issues impacting public safety, including his work to increase the safety of our nation's sworn peace officers.

Without Tony West's contributions to the justice community, I doubt that we—as a country—would have made the progress we have made in the protection of our nation's citizens. We are grateful to him, and we look forward to working with you and Mr. West in the future.

Sincerely,

Craig T. Steckler
President

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