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President
Florida Police Benevolent Association

The Honorable Ted Cruz
United States Senate
127A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

JOHN A. FLYNN
Vice President
Police Benevolent Association of New York City

Dear Senator Cruz:

CRAIG LALLY
Recording Secretary
Los Angeles Police Protective League

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to advise you of our support for Eric's Law.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition of Police

NAPO is a coalition of police units and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of American 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 and over 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

KEITH CURRY
Sergeant-at-Arms
New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association

Under current law, the victim's status as a federal law enforcement officer is an aggravating factor in death penalty considerations in federal court. The death sentence may be imposed when the officer was targeted or murdered on duty, because of the performance of their duty, or because of their status as a public official. Any persons contemplating harming a law enforcement officer must know that they *will* face serious punishment as recommended by citizen-jurors representing the community which has suffered the loss of an officer.

SCOTT LEETON
Executive Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas

Eric's Law is critical to ensuring that justice is served in cases where a federal law enforcement officer is murdered. This legislation seeks justice in cases where a jury has not been able to unanimously agree to a sentencing recommendation, by allowing federal prosecutors to petition the court to empanel a second jury for the sentencing phase of a federal capital case. The goal of the legislation is to seek unanimity in sentencing recommendations, whether that recommendation be for capital punishment, life in prison, or a lesser punishment.

MARK YOUNG
Vice President,
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Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
Wisconsin Professional Police Association

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel

We look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director