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February 14, 2011

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
Vice President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Vice President Biden:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 241,000 rank-and-file police officers and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers from across the United States, I am writing this letter in support of recommendations contained in the "Consolidated Federal Leadership" white paper.

One of basic responsibilities of NAPO is advocacy for continued health and safety of our members and their families. We believe that each member, and their families, should receive the most effective, efficient and equitable pre-hospital care that is possible in this nation. Geographic boundaries should not be barriers to the effective delivery of this pre-hospital care or the resulting improved health outcomes.

Police officers and EMS providers rely on each other for mutual support and safety. Throughout the nation, police officers and EMS providers respond together to myriad emergencies that confront Americans on a daily basis. Large scale events, natural and man-made disasters, and acts of terrorism compound the need for integrated and coordinated EMS and law enforcement operations. This integration and coordination ensures the best health outcomes for victims and responders alike. The knowledge that the nation supports the best health outcomes for responders is a critical element of an effective homeland security strategy.

Effective and equitable delivery of Emergency Medical Services is an important health and safety measure that law enforcement supports. NAPO believes the recommendations contained in "Consolidated Federal Leadership for EMS" are essential and necessary to the law enforcement community in the protection of our nation from security threats. If you have any questions on how NAPO can support your efforts, please feel free to contact me, or NAPO's Director of Government Affairs, Rachel Hedge, at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson  
Executive Director

cc: Alan Hoffman

Encl. "Consolidated Federal Leadership for EMS"