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Dear Representative Weiner:

SEAN SMOOT

Treasurer

Police Benevolent & Protective
Association of Illinois

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 236,000 rank-and-file police officers from across the United States, I would like to advise you of our support for the "Internet Police Officer Protection Act." If enacted, this legislation will help protect the personal information of police officers and the identities of their families.

TED HUNT

Sergeant-at-Arms

Los Angeles Police
Protective League

Last year, the New York Daily News discovered a website listing police officer addresses and other personal information. NAPO shares your legitimate concern that the posting of personal information about cops could easily be used to intimidate the officers and perhaps endanger their families. It is important to prohibit publication of personal information about police officers, as well as other law enforcement and justice officials, on the internet. The "Internet Police Officer Protection Act" will do just that by making it illegal to publish such information on the Internet if the subject opts out by sending a notice to the website purveyor, as well as make it a crime to keep that information up after being notified to take it down.

SANDRA J. GRACE

Executive Secretary

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WILLIAM J. JOHNSON

Executive Director

NAPO looks forward to working with you on this issue and I thank you for your continued support of law enforcement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or NAPO's Legislative Assistant, Andrea Mournighan, at (202) 842-4420.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson

Executive Director

The National Association of Police Organizations (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 2,000 police unions and associations, 236,000 sworn law enforcement officers, 11,000 retired officers and more than 100,000 citizens who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.