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Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of New York City

The Honorable Guy Reschenthaler
United States House of Representatives
531 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Reschenthaler:

TODD HARRISON
Recording Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPPO), I am writing to advise you of our strong support for the Supporting and Treating Officers in Crisis (STOIC) Act.

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition of Police

NAPPO is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's rank-and-file law enforcement through legislative and legal advocacy, political action, and education. Founded in 1978, NAPPO 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.

MARC KOVAR
Sergeant-at-Arms
New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association

An April 2018 white paper by the Ruderman Family Foundation found that first responders are more likely to die from suicide than in the line of duty. In 2018, there were at least 159 police officer suicides compared to 145 line of duty deaths. Additionally, according to the National Study of Police Suicides, officers are 2.5 times more likely to die from suicides than from homicides, a much more sobering statistic.

CRAIG D. LALLY
Executive Secretary
Los Angeles Police Protective League

State and local law enforcement officers are our nation's first responders. They respond to our country's greatest tragedies as well as violent and abhorrent crimes that unfortunately occur with some frequency in our neighborhoods. They have seen and experienced horrors that they cannot forget, yet they still put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve our communities.

MARK YOUNG
Vice President, Associate Members
Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association

The stresses and strains of the job not only affect officers' mental and physical wellbeing, but also the wellbeing of their family life. It is vital that we recognize the stress factors of the job and give officers and their families the resources they need to address their emotional and mental wellbeing. The STOIC Act will help ensure important support services are available for officers and their families.

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