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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our continued concerns regarding renewed reports that your FY2018 budget request may drastically reduce the resources made available to the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

You and your Administration have been clear about the threat posed by drug trafficking and abuse. As we said in our recent meeting with you, Vice President Pence and Attorney General Sessions, the FOP views the trafficking in illicit narcotics and other dangerous drugs to be the underpinning of the majority of violent crime in the United States. Our nation is currently facing an epidemic of opioid-related deaths—drugs now kill more people than gunshot wounds and car crashes. The ONDCP plays a vital role in coordinating a national strategy to fight drug trafficking and reduce illegal drug use. As you know, State and local law enforcement agencies are on the front lines of this fight, but it is the ONDCP that funds and oversees critical programs like the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and Drug Free Communities programs. Without the ONDCP to help law enforcement agencies at every level to work together, we would have no way to set and coordinate a national strategy.

As you craft the FY2018 budget request, I would urge that programs like Drug Free Communities and HIDTA be fully funded and that the Administration prioritizes its efforts and those of State and local law enforcement to combat the use and sale of illegal narcotics. As always, we thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you and your Administration on this issue. If I can be of any additional assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jim Pasco, Senior Advisor to the National President, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
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cc: The Honorable Michael R. Pence, Vice President of the United States
The Honorable Jefferson B. Sessions III, Attorney General of the United States
The Honorable J. Michael "Mick" Mulvaney, Director, Office of Management and Budget

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