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Mr. Bob Wright, President & CEO
National Broadcasting Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
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Dear Mr. Wright,

On behalf of the 290,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police and those officers who have given their lives in the line of duty, I write to communicate our outrage over the casting of Ice-T as a police officer in *Law & Order: Special Victim's Unit*.

If you are not aware, Ice-T is the author of the rap song "Cop Killer." So that you might understand our indignation at this casting decision, I have enclosed a copy of the lyrics. They are self-explanatory—Ice-T advocates the murder of police officers. To have him now portray an officer is the grossest of insults to all those men and women who have given their lives protecting our communities. It is an insult to their families, their friends, their comrades and the communities they served. NBC should be ashamed.

Why not cast Jeffery Dahmer as a Youth Services Officer or David Duke as the NYPD's Equal Opportunity Compliance Officer? It would be no less tasteless.

In Disgust,

Jerry W. Atnip
National Secretary