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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On March 22, 2003, the National Board of the Fraternal Order of Police voted unanimously to express our full and unequivocal support for the effort to liberate Iraq and, in so doing, deprive our terrorist enemies of their most powerful ally—Saddam Hussein and his evil regime.

We also commend your strong resolve in the effort to protect and defend our nation. You exhausted every diplomatic avenue to achieve peacefully the disarmament of this rogue nation, but when the Iraqi tyrant left you no choice, you did not hesitate to swiftly defend the security of the United States. Once again, it is America's Commander-in-Chief who assembled and now leads the international coalition to oust a regime that threatens the safety of law-abiding peoples in every region of the globe. The Fraternal Order of Police has every confidence that, under your leadership, the U.S. and allied forces will be victorious.

The F.O.P. is calling on all U.S. citizens to unite behind you, both in the war to liberate Iraq and the larger war against terrorism here and abroad. You can depend on the men and women of law enforcement to be our nation's first line of defense against any threat to domestic peace and tranquility, from whatever country or quarter. Rest assured that our membership in every police department in the nation will be vigilant and will work with you and your Administration to defend homeland security at whatever cost.

We have no doubt that the cause for which we now fight will free the Iraqi people from a horrible tyrant and free the American people from a serious threat to our peace and security. You, and our troops in Iraq, are in our prayers. On behalf of the more than 305,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I salute you and wish you well at this critical time in the history of United States.

Sincerely,

Chuck Canterbury
National President