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Mr. Harvey Weinstein  
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Dear Messrs. Weinstein,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you that our organization is joining the growing boycott of Mr. Quentin Tarantino's film, *The Hateful Eight*, which is scheduled to be released by your company later this year. In addition, we will advise our members not to accept assignments or perform off-duty work, such as providing security, traffic control or technical assistance to any project involving Mr. Tarantino.

For a man who has built his career on glorifying criminal violence, we take great offense to his recent comments calling law enforcement officers as "murderers." His despicable remarks, made just days after the murder of New York City Police Officer Randolph Holder, made national news and we cannot allow them to stand unanswered. If Mr. Tarantino truly wished to be on "the side of the murdered," he would speak in defense of Officer Holder and the 37 other law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty in 2015. Thirty-eight dead police officers may not be much of a body count for a Tarantino film, but to the brave men and women of the Fraternal Order of Police, it is far too many.

Mr. Tarantino may be able to film choreographed shooting scenes filmed at all angles over the course of several hours or days, but it is obvious from his remarks last week that he has never had to make a life or death decision in a split second. His profound ignorance of police work and the character and integrity of the men and women who put their lives on the line every day of the week shows that he has not experienced any true police training, especially the intense shoot or don't shoot scenario training. I would challenge him to do so and experience, for once, the kind of judgement required of an officer without multiple takes. For our members, we have to get it right the first time.

Law enforcement officers are facing a spike in violent crimes and we are increasingly becoming targets of those who share Mr. Tarantino's view of law enforcement officers. When high profile figures like him ignore the hateful rhetoric in the media or, worse, join that rhetoric, it suggests that violent attacks on or the murder of law enforcement officers is an acceptable expression of

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frustration over a grand jury verdict or the shortcomings of our criminal justice system. This is not some hate-fueled revenge flick and Mr. Tarantino is no character on screen. His words carry meaning and his embrace of a movement advocating violence is appalling and reprehensible.

Our membership is 330,000 strong and we are asking each of our members, along with their families, friends and neighbors to boycott Mr. Tarantino's upcoming film and future projects. I cannot overstate the anger and resentment his remarks have caused and I hope you will convey this to him forcefully.

I thank you both for your consideration of this letter. If I can be of any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Canterbury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Chuck Canterbury  
National President