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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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Committee on the Judiciary
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Arlen Specter

Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Specter:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing more than 241,000 law enforcement officers throughout the United States, I am writing to advise you of our endorsement of the nomination of David W. Ogden for Deputy Attorney General of the United States. As the deputy to the top law enforcement official in the nation, the Deputy Attorney General advises and assists the Attorney General in setting the policies and programs that dictate how the federal government relates to and works with state and local law enforcement. NAPO believes Mr. Ogden has the experience and knowledge necessary to help direct our nation's law enforcement efforts.

Mr. Ogden is a nationally recognized litigator with more than twenty-five years' experience, including six years with the Department of Justice (DOJ). In 1995, he left his post as Deputy General Counsel and Legal Counsel at the Department of Defense to become Associate Deputy Attorney General of the DOJ. After two years in that position, he was promoted to Chief of Staff and Counselor to Attorney General Janet Reno. During his time as Chief of Staff, Mr. Ogden played a significant role in the development and implementation of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, established by the 1994 Crime Bill, which put over 100,000 law enforcement officers on the street. Mr. Ogden finished his distinguished career at the DOJ in 2001 as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division, in which he was responsible for representing virtually all of the federal agencies in major civil litigation.

As Deputy Attorney General, we believe Mr. Ogden will use his extensive experience to help make the Justice Department more efficient and effective. His knowledge and understanding of the COPS program and community policing will be essential to once again making state and local law enforcement a vital part of the national crime-fighting strategy. Therefore, we urge you to confirm the nomination of David Ogden for Deputy Attorney General. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or NAPO's Director of Governmental Affairs, Andrea Mournighan, at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson
Executive Director