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President
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The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Chair
Committee on the Judiciary

JOHN A. FLYNN
Vice President
Police Benevolent
Association of New York City

United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

TODD HARRISON
Recording Secretary
Combined Law Enforcement
Associations of Texas

Dear Chairman Graham:

SCOTT HOVSEPIAN
Treasurer
Massachusetts Coalition
of Police

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), I am writing to advise you of our support for the Lawful Access to Encrypted Data Act.

MARC KOVAR
Sergeant-at-Arms
New Jersey State Policemen's
Benevolent Association

NAPO is a coalition of police units and associations from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement through legislative and legal advocacy, political action, and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents more than 1,000 police units and associations and 241,000 sworn law enforcement officers who share a common dedication to fair and effective crime control and law enforcement.

CRAIG D. LALLY
Executive Secretary
Los Angeles Police
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Digital evidence is a part of nearly every crime scene today and law enforcement is increasingly facing real and growing challenges in obtaining electronic evidence when we obtain the required legal process. The current lack of standards governing service providers' responsiveness to warrants and other legal process issued by law enforcement is routinely resulting in delays in the investigative process. This significantly hampers law enforcement's ability to keep our communities safe, prosecute criminals and protect victims.

MARK YOUNG
Vice President,
Associate Members
Detroit Police Lieutenants &
Sergeants Association

The Lawful Access to Encrypted Data Act will ensure that when law enforcement is investigating such heinous crimes as kidnapping, homicide, child pornography or human trafficking, service providers must decrypt or decode the lawfully requested information or at least provide technical assistance to obtain that information for the investigation. Service providers and device manufacturers will no longer be able to evade the law and law enforcement will be given the evidence necessary to bring justice for our communities.

JAMES PALMER
Parliamentarian
Wisconsin Professional Police
Association

WILLIAM J. JOHNSON, CAE
Executive Director and
General Counsel

NAPO thanks you for your leadership and your continued support of America's law enforcement community. We look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation. If we can provide any assistance, please feel free to contact me at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

William J. Johnson, Esq.
Executive Director