



NORTH CAROLINA POLICE EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION

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July 2, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
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U.S. Senator Thom Tillis
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the North Carolina Police Executives Association (NCPEA) to provide a letter of support for Ryan Y. Park to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. NCPEA is the oldest law enforcement association in North Carolina. Established in 1947, NCPEA represents federal, state, municipal, campus, corporate law enforcement, and security agencies. Since its inception, the association has been the host of the largest annual law enforcement training conference in North Carolina.

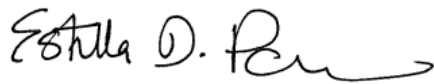
As Solicitor General for the State of North Carolina, Mr. Park has proven to be an exemplary being and protector of constitutional values. He has earned the trust and respect of many throughout the law enforcement community. During his tenure, Mr. Park's dedication to justice has been observed in cases such as *State v. Oldroyd*. This case involved the ambush murder of Patrol Sergeant Gregory K. Martin in 1996. It remained unsolved until the trio responsible for Sgt. Martin's murder were identified, arrested, charged, and convicted in 2014. One of the accomplices appealed his conviction by citing fatal flaws in the indictment. The state Court of Appeals agreed and vacated the defendant's conviction. Mr. Park appealed the case to the Supreme Court of North Carolina and served as lead counsel on appeal, which resulted in the decision being overturned and the accomplice set to serve his full sentence. Because of Mr. Park's diligence and commitment, Sgt. Martin's family witnessed justice being served and constitutional law being upheld.

From the law enforcement perspective, Mr. Park's work and dedication has positively impacted North Carolina. His outstanding work aligns very closely with the mission and vision of the North Carolina Police Executives Association. NCPEA supports legislative initiatives that deliver professional police services through direct membership outreach and participation. Mr. Park has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring those responsible for committing crimes are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, while also holding law enforcement professionals accountable to their oath. His devotion to serving those who serve

is commendable. We are deeply grateful for Mr. Park serving as a defender of qualified immunity. This is vital for officers to have while performing their lawful duties across our great State.

On behalf of the more the 50 law enforcement agencies across North Carolina who are members of the North Carolina Police Executives Association, including the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Raleigh, and Wilmington police departments, I humbly request that you consider Ryan Y. Park for United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information about Mr. Park and his achievements. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Estella D. Patterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Estella D. Patterson
President of the North Carolina Police Executives Association

cc: The Honorable Thomas R. Tillis, United States Senate
The Honorable Theodore P. Budd, United States Senate