



The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President,

I write to you today on behalf of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), representing 75,000 public safety members in over 920 public safety associations across the state of California. We are the largest statewide organization in the United States. I want to thank you for preparing our nation as it faces the unprecedented challenges associated with the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

COVID-19 is not only a public health crisis, but is becoming a first responder crisis as peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and hospital personnel contract the virus. You know better than most the critical role played by law enforcement in responding to an emergency situation. PORAC is asking that you do everything in your power to increase the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) available to our nation's first responders, including n95 masks, hand sanitizer, and nitrile gloves. In addition, if a vaccine or other medical protocol that mitigates the effect of COVID-19 becomes available, peace officers and first responders should be among the first to receive it.

With the right tools and equipment in place, you, your administration, and the citizens of our great nation can have the full confidence that law enforcement and our first responder partners will rise to the occasion and exceed expectations, ensuring our communities are supported during this health crisis.

PORAC is committed to ensuring that the brave men and women of law enforcement are safe as they carry out their duties, and those brave men and women are dedicated to serving our communities, even and especially in this time of unprecedented global crisis. Our members, and first responders across California and the nation, stand ready to meet the challenges presented by COVID-19. We ask only that we receive the tools to do so.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at our Sacramento, California PORAC Headquarters (916) 928-3777, or contact our federal advocates in Washington at Steptoe & Johnson LLP (202) 429-6457.

Very Truly Yours,
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