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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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The Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. President and Mr. Attorney General,

American police officers are, quite literally, bleeding to death. In the entirely predictable fulfillment of well publicized threats, killers are stalking and murdering our officers. They are cloaking themselves in the rhetoric of protest and "justice". But their very public actions are those of violence and bloodshed. American officers are not just "putting their lives on the line," they are dying.

Rightly or wrongly, these violent killers are reading the inaction of your administration as a tacit concession that their goals have merit. They hear your words of sympathy for violent protestors as conferring legitimacy upon their cause. The firebrands and provocateurs among them are only too willing to fill the void left by your absence of condemnation of their crimes and riots with chants of "What do we want? Dead cops! When do we want them? Now!" And now, completely predictably, the continued lack of any meaningful response whatsoever by your administration has allowed an atmosphere of hatred against police officers to grow, to fester and to finally burst forth in murderous gunfire, hatchet attacks and vehicular run-downs of officers across our nation. The mere fact that you permit the likes of Al Sharpton to sit by your side and have a place in the White House is a clear shot across the bow of the law enforcement community.

The time for standing by and offering weak platitudes about peaceful protest has passed. These are no peaceful protests and they never were. Both "Burn this bitch down!" and "What do we want? Dead cops!" have proved to be open notices of exactly what was going to be done. Some 750,000 sworn officers go to work each day, risking their own safety to uphold our freedoms and constitutional liberty, yet the violent anarchists have made it dangerous merely to wear our uniforms in public.

Unless and until you reverse course and *take action* against these killers and the violent and lawless mobs that support them, unless and until you are just as swift in effectively protecting our police as you have proved to be in doubting them, there will be more officers killed. Both of you men have attended many of our group's meetings and have always pledged your strong support for law enforcement. Now more than ever our men and women in uniform need that support to be shown in a very open way. As Vice President Biden put it at Officer Ramos's funeral this weekend, "When an assassin's bullet targeted two officers, it targeted this city and it touched the soul of the entire nation." Our nation and our nation's police, need your public support. More than that, they deserve it.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Nee