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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO U.S. ATTORNEYS

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, General Reno, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the White House, and I want to begin by just thanking you -- all of you -- for the work you did to help us pass the Crime Bill. It was one of the more interesting and rigorous legislative exercises we've had around here in a long time. (Laughter.) I believe that you fought for this Crime Bill because you knew that there was so much in it that would actually work for this country.

And I'm encouraged as I saw some of the coverage on the Crime Bill last night that people are finally beginning to look at a lot of the provisions that weren't so hotly debated during the campaign for and against the Crime Bill that are really going to help us to make a difference to lower the crime rate and make the American people safer.

We know that some of these things will work. We have example after example in America that more police, properly deployed in community policing settings, will actually lower the crime rate. We have example after example that if you can figure out how to lock up the repeat offenders and give the first-time folks a chance to build a better life, you can lower the crime rate. We know that if you can keep guns out of the hands of schoolchildren, you can make the schools and the streets safer, you can save a lot of victims, and you can save a lot of potential criminals, too, for a more constructive life.

But the hard work of passing the Crime Bill, as I said yesterday when I signed it, was only the beginning. It's up to those of us who are charged with executing the laws to roll up our sleeves and put the Crime Bill to work as quickly as we possibly can.

One of the most important provisions of this Crime Bill is one which has been largely overlooked, I think, in this debate. I want to discuss it with you today because I think it can make a huge difference. And that is the ban on juvenile possession of handguns. Except when hunting or target shooting with a parent or other responsible adult, young people simply shouldn't be carrying guns. Period.

This provision is critical to our ability to make our schools and neighborhoods safer. It is so critical that I am directing you today, each of you, to prepare a plan in your districts

for enforcing this law over the next 100 days. We need to work with local law enforcement officials and other local officials as you have been doing.

And I want to compliment all of you and compliment the Attorney General for bringing this group in on a repeated disciplined basis and working closely with you on policy. And then I want to thank you for the work you've done with state and local officials.

But we have to make this work. If this law turns out to be just a law on the books that is widely ignored and never enforced, it will be a terrible shame because this law can save children's lives. This law can make a huge difference, but we obviously have to have a strategy to enforce it, and the means by which it is enforced may not be the same as a practical matter in every district in the country.

So I want to urge you to do that. By January the 1st, we should have a strategy in every community to get guns out of the hands of violent teens and away from young criminals.

Anybody can talk tough on crime; this law gives you a chance to be both tough on criminals and successful in making your community safer. We must -- we must -- implement it vigorously and promptly.

I also want to discuss the penalties which are in the laws, which are now available to you -- to make sure that people who do commit serious crimes are punished, people who commit violent crimes are punished severely, people who repeat their offenses are punished even more severely.

This Crime Bill gives you the ultimate punishment -- capital punishment -- for most heinous crimes, including murdering a police officer. It makes it possible to keep repeat violent offenders off the street for good with the so-called "three-strikes-and-you're-out" law. It stiffens the penalty for criminals who lure children into the drug trade. And from now on, if you use a child to sell drugs, the penalty will automatically be tripled.

It tells young people that if you commit a serious crime or belong to a gang, you can get more time in jail automatically. It not only helps to protect communities by notifying them of people who have committed crimes which qualify them as sexual predators, but from now on, the penalty for these offenses has doubled. The bill has some remarkable provisions in the violence against women section, which I urge all of you to read, become familiar with, and use. Violence in and around the home is still a terrible problem in this country, and it gives us the tools to do something about it.

It has some innovative provisions for boot camps and drug courts, and other innovations which we know have worked to lower the crime rate and to give people the chance to live a safer and more secure life.

These are just some of the examples of what is in the Crime Bill. Much of America does not know everything that's in the Crime Bill yet, but many people in the law enforcement community don't know everything that's in the Crime Bill yet. The penalties for selling drugs to residents of public housing are doubled. There are increased penalties for felons who commit crimes with guns. For criminals who use assault weapons, for those who sell guns to minors.

All of these things have to be implemented in order to work. The most important thing I want to emphasize today is the sweeping ban on handgun possession by minors. If we can enforce this, it will make a massive difference in the problem of youth violence. So let's come back here in 100 days with a plan to do it, and let's start the next year, 1995, with a system in place that will prove that the confidence of the people in this Crime Bill is not misplaced, and that we are going to lower crime, reduce violence and increase security in the United States with your leadership.

Thank you very much. (Applause.)

Now I'm going to introduce Mary Jo White and Michael Stiles, and they're going to speak, and maybe they'll ask me to do something, since I asked you to do something. (Laughter.)

The Attorney General said that's dangerous, they'll ask for money. (Laughter.) I've gotten good at saying no to that. (Laughter.)

Let me also say, just as I introduce Mary Jo and Michael, because I know they are the leaders of this task force representing you in working with the Attorney General, we have worked very hard here at the White House and in the Justice Department, in the appointment of United States attorneys, in the appointment of federal judges, and that we are proud of the job that we have done because of the job that you are doing and the job you will do, and I want you to know that that is also, to me, a very important part of the President's job, and I spend a great deal of time on it.

So I want to emphasize again, as I ask Mary Jo and Michael to come up here, that one of the things that I have been so pleased about the Attorney General's performance in doing is bringing you here on a regular basis and involving you in a regular way in making the policy of the Justice Department. Because for most Americans, the policy of the Justice Department is not the decisions we make about what appeals to enter into, or what position to take on appeals.

For most Americans, the policy of the Justice Department is what you do all day every day, and we thank you for that.

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August 23, 1994

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
 United States Senate
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Biden,

Yesterday on the floor of the Senate you stated that Federal law enforcement is exempt from the personnel cuts under the Administration's Federal work force reduction plan. As you know, the revenues derived from those cuts are to be used to fund the Crime Bill through the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund. Unfortunately, no exemption for Federal law enforcement exist.

Attached is a letter signed by the entire Law Enforcement Steering Committee, dated February 15, 1994, urging President Clinton to exempt Federal law enforcement from the proposed personnel cuts. Also, attached is President Clinton's response. While your remarks regarding the exemption of Federal law enforcement makes sense, such is not the case.

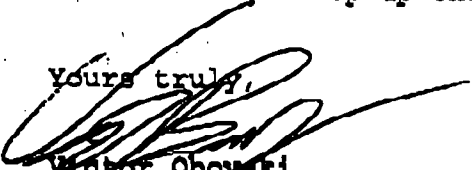
Notwithstanding the non-exempt status of Federal law enforcement, FLEOA fully supports the Crime Bill Conference Report that is being debated before the Senate. FLEOA recognizes that the Crime Bill contains \$2.6 billion for additional Federal law enforcement officers and special agents.

The proposed bill addresses policing, punishment and prevention. It is the most comprehensive piece of anti-crime legislation in the history of this country. It addresses both law enforcement and prevention.

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FLEOA also applauds your past efforts to pass a Crime Bill. For the past six years you have been in the forefront of an endless battle to have a tough, but smart, Crime Bill passed by Congress. Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed by law enforcement. Keep up the fight, it is well worth it!

Yours truly,



Victor Oborski
National President

The Law Enforcement Steering Committee

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February 13, 1994



Honorable William Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Clinton:

Representing
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We are writing on behalf of the Law Enforcement Steering Committee (LESC), a coalition of national law enforcement associations representing over 500,000 law enforcement practitioners, to urge you to exempt Federal law enforcement positions from Executive Order 12839 and other Executive memoranda mandating reductions in the Federal work force.

The LESC is a nonpartisan coalition consisting of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, the Major City Chiefs, the National Association of Police Organizations, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriff's Association, the National Troopers Coalition, the Police Executive Research Forum, and the Police Foundation. The LESC is a model of an unprecedented cooperative effort between law enforcement research organizations, police management and labor. We are dedicated to the advancement of legislation and policy that will ensure the safety and security of our country's people.

The LESC applauds the Administration's continued commitment to put 100,000 more "cops on the beat" and the Senate's recent passage of a Comprehensive Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act authorizing over \$22 billion in funding and grants. The Senate's quick action in passing anti-crime legislation is a clear indication that the public is sick and tired of the violence that is afflicting our nation.

The Senate's Crime Control Act established the Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund, a copy of which is attached, to help finance the cost of the Act. Further, the Crime Control Act authorizes the revenues to fund the Trust Fund to be derived

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from savings resulting from the reduction of the Federal work force by 252,000 positions over a five year period. The proposed reduction in personnel includes full time Federal law enforcement positions. Many of these reductions, particularly within the FBI, will also critically impact programs and systems such as training, the National Criminal Information Center (NCIC), and the Uniform Crime Report (UCR), which directly interface with local law enforcement.

As a result of the budget cuts and proposed reductions in law enforcement personnel, it is estimated that by 1995 the Federal Bureau of Investigation will have eliminated 1,500 full time positions, the United States Marshals 316 positions, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service 177 positions, and the Drug Enforcement Administration 531 positions, with further cuts to follow through to 1998. Many agencies have not had any new hires since 1992 and are now facing the possibility of RIFs of law enforcement personnel.

In the Senate's Crime Control Act, a sense of the Senate resolution, a copy of which is attached, recognizes that any meaningful anti-crime legislation must not include a reduction of Federal law enforcement personnel. This is because Congress has long acknowledged the integrated role that Federal law enforcement has in working with State and local law enforcement in combatting violent crime. Further, the Senate bill includes a number of new Federal criminal violations which, if they become law, will add substantially to the cost of operating Federal law enforcement agencies.

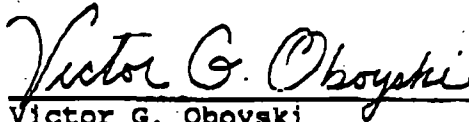
At a recent forum entitled, "Reinventing Federal Law Enforcement", Deputy Attorney General Phillip Heymann addressed the future of Federal law enforcement. Mr. Heymann stated, "You're going to see a lot of cooperation with State and local (law enforcement) because when you're in the violence or local drug business you have to be working with the State and local. I know the task forces have been doing this. We'll keep using task forces." Regarding the proposed cuts in personnel, he noted, "I know that in the Justice Department we've been planning on very sizable law enforcement cuts. I mean, the FBI is planning them, the DEA is planning them, and I'm sure ATF is too. And it is a little bit strange at a time when we're about to put 100,000 new cops of the street."

Addressing the same forum, FBI Director Louis Freeh stated, "Our agency, like many of your agencies, are facing reductions and cut backs which are really unprecedented in our history, at a time when our challenges and responsibilities are growing by leaps and bounds."

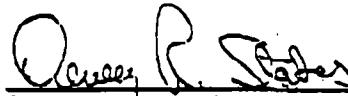
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We agree with Deputy Attorney General Heymann and Director Freeh. It is in the best interest of the country's domestic security that all Federal law enforcement be exempted from the proposed cuts in positions described above. We urge you to sign such an order and inform OMB Director Panetta as soon as possible of your decision.

Very truly yours,



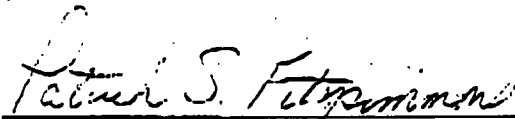
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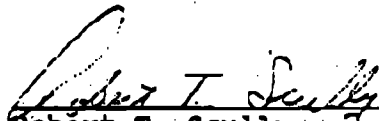
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1994

Mr. Victor G. Oboyski
Mr. John Pitta
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

Dear Vic and John:

Thank you for your letter requesting the exemption of federal law enforcement positions from the planned federal workplace reductions. I apologize for the delay in my response, but I am pleased to have the opportunity to share my views with you, the members of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA), and the members of the Law Enforcement Steering Committee.

As you know, on March 30, I signed into law the Federal Workforce Restructuring Act, which imposes government-wide personnel reductions on executive branch agencies. The Vice President and I are committed to making government work better and cost less, and this Act is an important part of our overall plan to reinvent government. Our effort to reduce the size of the federal government is geared toward eliminating excess and duplication throughout the government not arbitrarily reducing the number of federal law enforcement agents. I realize the vital leadership role federal law enforcement plays in the battle against crime, drugs, and violence — and I am committed to working with Congress to make sure resources are available for effective and efficient federal law enforcement.

I do not believe that exempting entire programs from our workforce reduction plan provides the best solution. Many interested parties have asked me to exempt one program or another from our plan, but — compelling as their requests are — I have had to resist. Instead, as we cut our federal workforce, intelligent choices must be made as to where those cuts will come. I trust that the arguments you made to me will weigh heavily on the agency heads where your members are employed; those agency heads may choose to make their personnel cuts from non-law enforcement ranks, of course. This approach, rather than granting any exemptions to the overall restructuring plan, preserves the Administration's ability to meet the statutory workforce reduction requirements in a manner that ensures adequate personnel and funding resources for all important programs like federal law enforcement.

You should also know that our workforce reduction plan includes the creation of a Violent Crime Reduction Trust Fund, so that monies saved by downsizing government can be reinvested into crime control initiatives — including federal law enforcement. Together, the House and Senate crime bills include more than \$2 billion in authorizations over the next five years to support federal law enforcement. These monies will help the principal federal crime fighting agencies — FBI, DEA, ATF, USMS, Secret Service, Customs and others — keep up their anti-crime efforts and carry out some of the additional responsibilities envisioned in the crime bill. If we are going to set aside substantial resources over the next five years to fight crime, some share of those resources must go to bolster our federal law enforcement efforts.

I urge FLEOA and its colleagues in the law enforcement community to work with the Administration — as we work through the budget process and as we prepare to pass the most important crime bill ever — to ensure that federal law enforcement receives the resources it needs to do its already difficult work.

Sincerely,



R. Gil Kerlikowske
Commissioner



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Crime bill, with WNY input, offers real help for Buffalo

Senate should also OK flexibility on grants

THERE'S STILL another act to be played out in the Senate, but the House of Representatives has strengthened the push against crime by passing a bill that can really help localities.

The new version of the bill, arrived at after a tortuous negotiating process, has wider flexibility for cities like Buffalo in deciding how to spend federal anti-crime grants.

The bill approved Sunday deserved the "yes" votes it got, and in the Western New York delegation it won them from all but Rep. William Paxon, R-Amherst.

Paxon's opposition is disappointing, to say the least, as was his overheated rhetoric criticizing constructive programs to give inner-city teen-agers some alternatives to hanging out on the streets.

The bill would ban 19 automatic assault-style weapons, increase aid for new prisons, and authorize up to 100,000 new police officers and spending of \$30 billion over the next six years.

One contribution of Rep. Jack Quinn of Hamburg, during the White House search for bipartisan support among moderate Republicans, was his timely support for giving cities flexibility in spending the new \$380 million in block grants.

In discussions with the White House and President Clinton, Quinn championed aid procedures that Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello, Police Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske and others had also sought in discussions with federal officials this summer. To his credit, Quinn crossed partisan lines to back the Democratic crime bill. But he did so while pressing his own policy concerns for combating crime in urban areas

like Buffalo.

The message of Quinn, Masiello and Kerlikowske to Washington went something like this: You're not going to help us with federal money if you tie our hands and deny us choices based on our own peculiar local needs. Don't require us to spend the money for things we need less of at the expense of things we need more of.

Buffalo's problem is not the problem of Houston or St. Paul. Buffalo's priority need, for example, is not more police officers. In 1991, a comprehensive study of the Buffalo Police Department by the International Association of Chiefs of Police said: "Contrary to widespread belief, the department is amply staffed. In this matter, the city has been generous. Staff is not employed cost-effectively, however."

What Buffalo needs most is a more effective deployment of the cops it has. It begun to reorganize. But it needs more modern equipment, a network of response and communication changes.

Two crime analysts will be added, for instance, to help examine patterns of crime. But this will be difficult without modern computers. And Buffalo police cars lack special small computers to give officers quick access to information that can lead to on-the-spot arrests.

Such equipment is expensive, and federal aid can help pay the bill — if the money is not tied up in rigid mandates.

The battered, bruised but unbowed anti-crime measure is a respectable piece of legislation, and the Senate should approve it, too.



Michael D. Cambrill
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in your efforts to get the Bill passed.



The Law Enforcement Steering Committee

August 23, 1994

The Honorable Janet Reno
United States Attorney General
10th & Constitution, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Madam:

The Law Enforcement Steering Committee (LESC), a coalition of national law enforcement associations representing over 200,000 law enforcement practitioners, for the first time in its history has coalesced in their unequivocal support for the passage of a crime bill.

The LESC is a nonpartisan group consisting of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, the Major City Chiefs, the National Association of Police Organizations, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriff's Association, the National Troopers Coalition, the Police Executive Research Forum, and the Police Foundation. It is a model of an unprecedented cooperative effort between law enforcement research organizations, police management and labor. We are dedicated to the advancement of public policies and legislation that will ensure the safety and security of our country's people.

We urge the Senate to support law enforcement by passage of the Conference Bill as passed out of the House. This Bill contains initiatives of great help to federal, state and local law enforcement in their quest for safer streets. More police officers, community policing, more prisons and research are among some of the important issues contained within this legislation.

Congress labored long and hard to bring the Bill this close to passage. For our sake and for the sake of the citizens we serve, please take it all the way!

Should you have any questions concerning our organization, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Neil Behan (Ret.) or Director Mark Spurrier at (410) 887-2211.

Sincerely,

Matt Rodriguez

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Rudy hails crime vote

By ALICE McQUILLAN and CORKY SIEMASZKO

Daily News Staff Writers

Mayor Giuliani hailed passage of President Clinton's crime bill by the House last night and said it would "immediately have a major impact" on the city.

"I think New York City probably participates in more of every single one of the programs in the bill than any city in America," he said. "To the average New Yorker, it means being able to see more police."

The city's top cops also were delighted.

"Good news, very good news," said Police Commissioner William Bratton. "I'm just really pleased to finally have it passed, and particularly pleased for the mayor... who spent a lot of time shaping it."

Bratton said he will assemble a team of grant writers to apply for federal dollars if the bill passes the Senate. He said he wants to hire more civilians and improve computer technology, freeing about 1,000 deskbound cops for patrol work.

"It's tremendous," agreed Thomas Scott, president of the New York City Detectives Endowment Association and the National Association of Police Organizations.

And if the Senate okays the bill, Scott said, "this will mean close to \$800 million to New York City alone."

"It will be additional police officers, equipment, building of new prisons for the state and funding for education," he said. "It will just be a tremendous, tremendous influx of desperately needed funds for law enforcement for New York."

Gov. Cuomo, who is running for reelection, hailed the congressional vote as a "great victory" for Clinton with "the country as the beneficiary."

"The bill means hundreds of millions of dollars of help for New York's police and prisons," Cuomo said.

GOP gubernatorial hopeful George Pataki could not be reached for comment.

Earlier, Pataki spokeswoman Caroline Quarantaro said the candidate thinks "there are some important provisions in the bill," but he can't take a position "because he hasn't read it."

Giuliani also congratulated Clinton for refusing to cut the assault weapon ban out of the crime bill.

"He's been able to accomplish something that America has needed for a long, long time," Giuliani said.

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By William Costello for USA TODAY

LETTERS

1969 Woodstock a disgrace

How relevant that Al Neuharth's column on Woodstock and Joe Urschel's on the National POW Memorial Museum appeared in the same issue and on the 25th anniversary of Woodstock ("Woodstock's legacy: Lust, but don't trust" and "Millions for mountain music, more delays for POWs," Opinion USA, Friday).

Twenty-five years ago, Americans who had lost their freedom were being tortured as POWs in Hanoi. Twenty-five years ago, a group of rather seedy Americans was celebrating the freedom to fornicate with the nearest warm body, the freedom to get high and the freedom to booze up, all at a place called Woodstock.

What made our nation great cannot be found at Woodstock but at places such as Lexington and Concord, the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Arlington and military cemeteries here and abroad, and at Andersonville.

This nation was built on the sacrifices of many. Woodstock was a national disgrace, an event better forgotten and tossed into the trash can of history.

Carl F. Runge, Roswell, Ga.

Cellular buyers seek security

I Linda Chavez buys into the stereotype that cellular phones are toys for rich yuppies with too much time and too little courage. ("Attention cellular users: Shut

Police, citizens watching next crime-bill vote

After six years of waiting for a balanced approach to addressing crime, there finally is a bill that will help police better protect all citizens.

Yet in a House vote Thursday, 225 members of Congress ignored pleas from cops to bring up the crime bill for a vote even though it is smart, balanced and badly needed.

The bill provides police with resources to expand community-policing efforts. It recognizes that an investment in crime prevention can pre-empt the need for later, more costly punitive measures. And there certainly has not been a tougher enforcement bill.

But the bill is about fighting crime, not partisan politics or pressure from special-interest groups. Some policymakers oppose the bill because they claim an assault-weapons ban has no place in a crime bill, even though it pre-

viously passed both houses of Congress and the overwhelming majority of police and citizens favor a ban. Some lawmakers oppose the bill because there is no racial-justice provision, even though law enforcement has pleaded with these lawmakers not to block the bill's passage this session.

As president of the Police Executive Research Forum, I can tell you police need this bill now.

Congress will soon have another chance to move this crime bill. Before opponents cast their votes again, they should consider this: A vote for the crime bill is a vote for police and the citizens they are sworn to protect.

The police and citizens will be watching to see what House members do with this opportunity.

William Bratton, pres., PERF, and police commissioner, New York, N.Y.

ing National Police Week, when representatives of law enforcement agencies appeared at a Washington news conference to praise the cellular industry for its role in the war on crime by providing phones and air time to police departments and community-watch groups.

Chavez also in the reports

ing parents to stay in touch, or to summon help on a dark, lonely highway.

"Annoying little beeps"? Surely Chavez meant "reassuring" little beeps.

Thomas E. Wheeler, pres., CEO, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Assoc., Washington, D.C.

To comment...



Putting Police on the Streets: How PERF Members Can Benefit From Passage of the Crime Bill

According to the U.S. Justice Department, municipalities have already hired more than 2,000 new officers through the \$150 million Police Hiring Supplement program, a downpayment on President Clinton's commitment to put 100,000 more police in law enforcement agencies across the country. The Justice Department's state-by-state analysis of how crime bill funds can be used to put more cops on the beat reveals that nearly 100,000 officers can be put on our nation's streets if the maximum crime bill funding is drawn on by eligible departments, and municipalities provide the projected matching funds or receive appropriate waivers. In looking at how PERF members would use this funding if the Senate passes the crime bill, it appears there would be the potential for an even greater number of police officers to be deployed in our communities. As the examples that follow demonstrate, if some of the money available under the "cops on the beat" program is used for technology, police overtime, and training—as is allowed under the provisions that allocate up to 20 percent of the funds for those purposes—the nation's police departments would be able to free up a significant number of current police officers to work directly with their communities on crime problems.

New York City Police Department—The New York City Police Department (NYPD) will attempt to put more cops on the beat by applying for crime bill funds for training, technology, and equipment—an investment that would free up more officers for community policing. Some examples of how New York City would use crime bill funding to increase street presence is through investments in technology, problem solving, and officer overtime.

Technology: For example, by investing in additional communications equipment, the department could increase the time that patrol officers would be available to respond to calls. Current shortages in communications equipment result in officers taking time away from the streets to share their equipment with oncoming shifts. In addition, investing in technology, training, and equipment to implement a computerized paperless arrest system would greatly increase street presence by freeing up a significant number of officers for patrol. According to preliminary calculations, a paperless system could increase street presence by an estimated 300 to 400 officers. Other uses could include investigative technological support and precinct automation.

Problem Solving: The NYPD would ask for assistance in providing police problem solving training and technology. This type of assistance would improve the quality and availability of information needed to solve the problems that lead to crime and fear of crime in New York City. This investment would also help officers address the underlying causes of crimes, and reduce their need to simply react to calls for police service from the same locations about the same problems over and over again.

Officer Overtime—Instead of only recruiting, hiring, and training new officers, the NYPD would ask for funding for overtime to pay for cops already on the beat. The increased street presence would be accomplished by officers already known to the community, and who, in turn, understand the needs of the citizens they serve.

San Diego Police Department—The San Diego Police Department would apply for funds available under the crime bill that would put more than 13 sworn officers on the streets of San Diego. The crime bill's prevention programs would also help the agency better engage the community in critical programs that would help the San Diego Police Department fight crime in its neighborhoods.

St. Louis (MO) Metropolitan Police Department—The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department would use funds provided under the crime package to increase the number of officers on the street to fight crime. The department is also interested in the funding that would be available for prevention programs, particularly in view of the department's success with Community-Oriented Problem Solving initiatives, which rely heavily on neighborhood and community support. With the additional dollars, the department would be able to reach more people and provide greater accessibility to its officers.

Baltimore County (MD) Police Department—The Baltimore County (MD) Police Department would likely request support for 23 additional officers under the crime bill's grant funds. These officers would be spread among the department's precincts based on service demands. The officers would serve two primary functions: First, they would operate as rapid response community problem solvers, responding to troubled neighborhoods to identify problems that affect the residents' quality of life. They would also plan specific remedies in cooperation with residents. Second, these officers would coordinate a total government response to neighborhood problems—acting like consultants for patrol officers and others engaging in community problem solving.

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Kansas City (MO) Police Department—Under President Clinton's downpayment on his pledge to fund 100,000 community police officers, the Kansas City Police Department received funding for 26 police officers. These officers are going to be used as Community Action Teams (CAT). Community Action Teams will consist of 26 officers deployed into specific geographic locations within the five patrol divisions. CAT members will meet with neighborhood citizens monthly, and together identify crime problems, needs, and potential solutions. CAT members will be equipped with mobile phones and pagers so that they will be readily accessible to citizens. To further increase their accessibility, a mobile police facility will be available for CAT use.

To coordinate an overall community policing effort, a Citizen Involvement Group will be formed, consisting of three representatives from each of the five geographic areas, one from the county prosecutor's office, and one member appointed by the city manager representing city agencies. The group will meet quarterly with CAT members and police department representatives to serve as a decision-making body to facilitate the implementation of solutions.

To complement this program, the KCPD will consider applying for crime bill funding available to police.

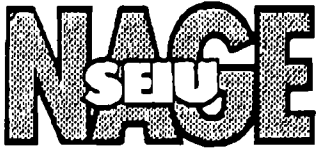
Yonkers (NY) Police Department—Due to the city's recent budgetary constraints, the police department has been unable to adequately replace police officers who have retired or left the department. If the Yonkers Police Department received funding under the crime bill's supplemental hiring program, the agency could hire 20 additional police officers, who would be put on the beat and would practice community policing throughout the city. Yonkers would deploy officers on foot patrol in the commercial and densely populated areas, increasing visibility and leading to better community relations and police/citizen partnerships.

Buffalo (NY) Police Department—If the crime bill passes the Senate and is signed into law by President Clinton, the Buffalo (NY) Police Department would be seeking funding to augment the community policing efforts currently underway there. Because the bill offers flexibility to police in how the money is spent, the department can implement programs and update its equipment and technology, thereby having a direct and dramatic impact on community policing in Buffalo. Some ways Buffalo would use the money follow:

- Adding computers in the department, which would aid in the development and implementation of a crime analysis strategy. Personal computers could also be used to replace the current system of record keeping and report writing, in which officers use time-consuming methods involving outdated typewriters—methods that take officers off the streets for long periods of time.
- The Buffalo Police Department would invest in mobile digital systems in patrol cars. Again, this would get officers out of the squad room and into the community.
- Because the department recently won the right to hire civilian technicians to take and file incident reports, this grant money could be used to hire non-sworn personnel, which would put police officers back on the street performing community policing functions that would result in the development of crime-fighting partnerships with the citizens of Buffalo.

The Police Executive Research Forum is an organization of progressive law enforcement chief executives and police professionals serving more than 40 percent of the nation's population. It is dedicated to improving policing practices through national leadership, experimentation, and research.

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Dear Mr. Warren:

Tomorrow or Friday the House may vote on the Conference Report to the Crime bill. Unfortunately, like so many other Washington bills, it is a mixture of good and bad. Therefore, I am writing to give you a brief outline and ask for your opinion.

Good Points

- * Authorizes over \$30 billion over six years for crime prevention programs.
- * Does not include the Racial Justice Act (which would have eliminated the death penalty).
- * Aims to put 100,000 new police officers on U.S. streets.
- * Contains Byrne grant funding (I helped lead efforts to restore this funding).
- * Authorizes \$1.8 billion to fight violence against women. Funds will go to train police, support battered womens' shelters, promote rape awareness education and establish a national family violence hotline.
- * Makes gender based violence a civil rights violation.
- * Implements national registration for any person convicted of a state criminal offense against a minor.
- * Makes child abduction by a parent to another country a federal crime.
- * Makes it a federal crime for anyone outside the U.S. to produce or traffic in child pornography.
- * Has \$8.7 billion for new prison construction which was reduced from the \$13 billion in the original bill.
- * Funds 1000 new Immigration and Customs Service agents.
- * Creates many new crime prevention programs (but questionable results).
- * Authorizes \$1.8 billion to reimburse states for the costs of imprisoning illegal aliens.
- Eliminates three strikes and you're out.
- * Increases penalties for drug dealing near public housing.
- Raises from two to approximately 60 the number of crimes now eligible for the

death penalty (terrorism, murder of law enforcement official, large scale drug trafficking, drive by shootings, murders in conjunction with rape or child molestation and murder during a carjacking)

Bad Points

- * Only funds 20,000 of the 100,000 new police officers. State and local governments must fund the rest.
- * Approximately \$9 billion goes to new social programs such as midnight basketball; councils to promote arts, crafts and dance; and self-esteem programs. We already spend \$24 billion on 154 social programs aimed at high risk inner city youths. These new programs will duplicate at least 50 existing crime prevention programs.
- * 75% of the money isn't earmarked but spent by the President at his discretion. Therefore, most will go to large cities (L.A., N.Y., Detroit and Miami) without much going to our areas.
- * Attorney General decides which cities and states receive the Community Policing funds. This invites handouts to politically connected big-city mayors and politicians.
- * Truth-in-sentencing is limited to approximately 1% of the crimes.
- * Eliminates mandatory minimum sentencing for drug dealers if they have no previous criminal convictions; the crime did not involve violence or a gun; no death or serious injury occurred as a result of the crime; the perpetrator was a minor participant in a group crime; and the offender did not withhold any information about the crime from the government. This allows over 10,000 prisoners to retroactively appeal their sentences.
- * No new funding for prosecutors except for grants to work with local social workers and dispute resolution.
- * No penalties for misuse of guns but does have assault weapons ban.
- * Will hire two new social workers on the street for every new police officer it fully funds.

There are other provisions which people have strong feelings about. For example, the support of the administration of the President's plan to regulate the racial justice provisions by Executive Order.

As you can see, this isn't an easy sell. It is highly unlikely that improvements to the letting me know how you feel.

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Dear Attorney General Reno:

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), an organization of progressive law enforcement chief executives and police professionals serving more than 40 percent of the nation's population, is dedicated to improving policing practices through national leadership, experimentation, and research. PERF members are police chiefs, sheriffs, directors of public safety and other police leaders from some of the largest cities in the country. They face the violence, crime, and destruction in our communities everyday. They know that a crime bill will give them additional tools to do their jobs—protecting citizens and helping them build a better quality of life.

We are encouraged that the House and Senate Conference Committee Members have been able to put aside partisan politics in passing the Crime bill conference report, and we now call on the full House of Representatives and Senate to pass this report. While PERF members do not agree with every proposed provision, we do support passage of the Crime bill as described in the Conference Report because of such benefits to police as the following:

- **Firearms.** The proposed ban on assault weapons is an integral part of a crime bill that takes into account the safety of citizens and police officers. To remove the assault weapons provisions from the crime bill would jeopardize the proposal and send a message to police and the public that their safety is not a priority.

Our members also overwhelmingly support the sections relating to licensed firearms dealers. These provisions must be included in an effective crime bill. They are reasonable measures that will help ensure that firearms are properly transferred to law-abiding citizens, records are adequately kept, and that firearms used in crimes can be more easily traced.

- **Resources for Police.** While prison construction and other after-the-fact responses are necessary, PERF members believe that we cannot make a significant impact on crime without taking proactive measures. Resources for community policing,

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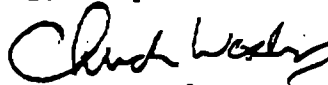
particularly when there is flexibility in how money for supplemental hires can be utilized, can help save a generation from a future in the criminal justice system.

- **Prevention.** The crime bill proposals suggest many important preventative programs; these must not be sacrificed to cost-saving efforts. An investment in crime prevention can preempt the need for later, more costly punishment measures.
- **Police Commission.** The National Commission to Support Law Enforcement must become a reality. Police professionals know that study and experimentation is needed to advance meaningful reforms in law enforcement. The Commission has received overwhelming support from police and policymakers. The Commission's proposed goals, if met, can help police evaluate new approaches and help map a direction that unites police striving for more innovative policing practices.

In addition to those provisions mentioned above, PERF also applauds the inclusion of both prevention and enforcement measures intended to address nations crime problem. PERF believes that this Crime bill is a balanced and reasonable response to the crime PERF members face in cities across the country. We urge every member of Congress to support police by voting for passage of the crime bill as outlined in the conference report.

PERF staff and members would welcome the opportunity to assist you in your efforts to pass an effective crime bill. If you have any questions regarding PERF's positions on the provisions discussed above, or additional crime bill-related issues, please feel free to contact me or Martha Plotkin at 202/466-7820. As always, PERF appreciates your considering the views of law enforcement and your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,



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THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE 103RD CONGRESS

On behalf of Grand Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, and our National President Dewey R. Stokes, the Fraternal Order of Police, representing one-third of the nation's law enforcement officers, asks you to support the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 - The Crime Bill.

Some citizens may be against this legislation, but the FOP strongly believes that the Crime Bill will benefit the citizens of this nation and provide a strong safety mechanism for our officers doing the tough job on the streets. We ask you to support law enforcement through-out the consideration process of this Act. We feel that procedural votes are as important to the passage of the legislation as are actual "up and down" votes.

The Fraternal Order of Police believes that this Crime Bill has a balance of enforcement, prosecution/courts, prisons, and prevention, which will make a real difference in the incidence of crime over the next five years. We hope that you agree.

Please join with the nation's law enforcement officers in support of this important legislation. Please feel free to contact FOP's National President Stokes, Don Cahill, or Richard Boyd.

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PROJECTS, THE INCREASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ON
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COURTS, PLUS PROVIDING MORE SPACE IN PRISON FOR VIOLENT
CRIMINALS, BECAUSE THEY WILL BE STAYING LONGER, WILL ALL
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WE HAVE ASKED OUR 248,000 MEMBERS TO CONTACT THEIR
REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORS. WE ASK EVERY CITIZEN TO DO
THE SAME. SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE TO GET A HANDLE ON
SPIRALING CRIME; WE MUST HAVE THE PROJECTS - PROGRAMS -
APPROPRIATIONS - AND CODES IN THIS LEGISLATION. THANKS.



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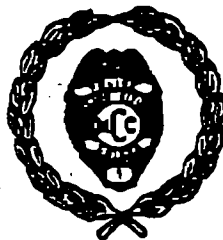
Dear Madam Attorney General:

I was especially pleased to be present last Thursday when President Clinton and you announced the breakthrough in moving the crime bill.

As a retired police officer who has devoted his career to law enforcement, my first concern has always been that government policies seldom provided the support where it is needed the most, the street level. Too often in the past, crime was approached from a broad theoretical social perspective with little knowledge of the men and women who had to face crime daily on our city streets.

My impression from watching this bill unfold, and more importantly from listening to the comments of the President, yourself, Senator Biden and Chairman Brooks is that the passage of this bill would be a landmark in balancing broad social interests while addressing the real day to day needs of street level law enforcement officers.

The hard decisions the conferees had to make are appreciated and with the increase in street level officers, increased penalties, expanded prison capacity, gang prevention and Violence Against Women Act, my brothers and sisters in law enforcement will have more tools with which to protect the public safety. I now have hope that with its immediate passage, the officers on the street will move forward knowing they now have the support they have needed for so long.



MAJOR CITIES CHIEFS

August 2, 1994

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
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Dear Senator Biden:

The Major City Chiefs Association represents the chief executives of the forty-five largest cities/ jurisdictions in the United States as well as Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, Canada. This organization was formed to address the unique needs and solutions required by policing large urbanized communities. The Association is dedicated to the advancement of research, legislation, policy and programs that will ensure the safety of our citizens and the officers that protect them. Through continual exchanges of ideas and programs, it is having a positive impact on the "quality of life" of the citizens we serve.

We urge you to pass the Crime Bill. While not a panacea, the legislation contains initiatives of great help to federal, state, and local police in their quest for safer streets. More police officers, community policing, more prisons and jails, and research are among some of the important issues in this legislation.

Congress labored long and hard to bring the Bill this close to passage. Please take it all the way.

Inquiries may be directed to either Chief Neil Behan (Retired) or Director Mark Spurrier at (410) 887-2211.

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Dear Madam Attorney General:

On behalf of the 22,000 members of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), I am writing to thank you for your leadership in crafting meaningful anti-crime legislation. We have overcome many obstacles and are now days away from having a crime bill. We need to do everything possible to stop the rising crime, especially in rural America where sheriffs have the vast majority of the responsibility.

We support swift passage of the Conference Report (H.R.3355) and hope that Congress will see to it that law enforcement and our entire criminal justice system gets the help it so desperately needs.

Again, thank you for your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Dear Attorney General Reno:

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has reviewed the major provision of the Crime Bill approved last Thursday, by the House and Senate conferees.

We strongly support the bill's provisions and desire to have it passed as expeditiously as possible.

Could you please convey these sentiments to the leadership in the House and Senate at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO) represents more than 40,000 federal, state and local rank and file law enforcement officers across the country. IBPO is the largest law enforcement officers union in the United States. The IBPO's strongly supports and endorses the Crime Bill Conference Report, and urges its swift adoption by the House and Senate.

The IBPO has long advocated comprehensive efforts to address violent crime where it occurs: at the state and local level. This crime bill represents historic achievements to accomplish this goal. The bill fully funds a total of \$30.2 billion in anti-crime programs. Most importantly, the bill provides \$8.8 billion to fund 100,000 police officers. The decision to not only authorize but appropriate the resources required to put additional officers on the streets truly recognizes the importance of providing resources to state and local police who are responsible for over 95% of arrests.

The crime bill is an appropriate balance of police, punishment and prevention, a holistic approach critical to a long term cure. For example, the crime bill provides \$8.3 billion in aid to state and local prisons, provides harsh penalties including "three strikes and you're out", and expands the federal death penalty. Yet the crime bill also recognizes the importance of prevention by providing \$125 million to combat violent youth gangs, \$300 million to prevent crime in schools and \$1.2 billion for drug courts that require drug testing, treatment and alternative punishment for young drug offenders. In addition, it provides \$1.8 billion for direct funding to localities for anti-crime efforts, such as drug treatment and education.

In addition, the crime bill takes other critical steps to combat crime. For example, the crime bill enacts a ban on certain semi-automatic assault weapons. In addition, the crime bill incorporates the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, which takes a comprehensive approach to reducing domestic violence.

The Crime Bill Conference Report is the most comprehensive legislation Congress has ever proposed to combat violent crime. IBPO members have lobbied for 6 years for a comprehensive crime bill. We urge you to take action now.

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Kenneth T. Lyons
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Dear Attorney General Reno:

The Police Foundation writes to urge prompt passage and signing of the crime bill. The failure of this bill to pass would represent a terrible blow to citizens who are besieged by crime and violence.

Yours truly,


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Dear General Reno:

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As you know, the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) strongly supports the crime bill conference report.

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NAPO, a national law enforcement organization representing over 160,000 sworn law enforcement officers and 3,000 police unions and associations, has been lobbying for effective anti-crime legislation for almost 6 years now.

Executive Secretary
B. O. "BUD" STONE
Past President PORAC
Berkeley, CA

As law enforcement officers, it is our job to fight crime and now we are finally being given the help we so desperately need. We cannot win the war on crime unless we are given the additional resources contained in the conference report.

Sincerely,

Robert T. Scully
Executive Director



**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF
BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES**

AUGUST 2, 1994

The Honorable Janet Reno
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Attorney General Reno:

On July 28, 1994, the Crime Bill was reported out of Congressional Conference. We interpreted this legislative action as having moved the Bill one step closer to final passage. On July 17, 1994, during our NOBLE National Annual Conference, we passed a resolution supporting the Crime Bill overall with specific emphasis on retaining the Racial Justice Act. Although, disappointingly, the Racial Justice Act was omitted from the Bill in the Conference Report, we are convinced that the comprehensive legislation providing for additional police officers and training, the assault weapons ban as well as grants for many American cities to fund health and educational crime prevention programs, is a monumental milestone in assistance to local jurisdictions in reducing crime.

Accordingly, we at NOBLE are fully supporting the passage of the Crime Bill as reported out of the Congressional Conference Committee. We are hopeful that your office will assist in later pursuit of the Racial Justice issue, but in the meantime, we must have a Crime Bill. We are conveying this message to our membership and encouraging their individual efforts, through their local representation, to get the job done.

We must pass this bill.

Sincerely,

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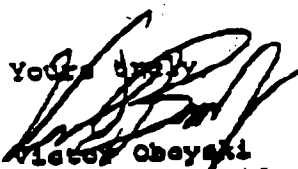
Dear Mr. Speaker,

On behalf of the members of the
 Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association
 (FLEOA), the largest representative of Federal
 Officers and Special Agents in the nation, I
 want give our full support and endorsement of
 the Crime Bill Conference Report which is before
 the House of Representatives at this time.

The proposed bill addresses
 policing, punishment and prevention. It is the
 most comprehensive piece of anti-crime
 legislation in the history of this country. It
 puts 100,000 more police on the streets of this
 nation and provides for the hiring of more
 federal law enforcement officers.

FLEOA urges you and your colleagues
 for the quick passage of this very important
 piece of legislation. It is important to
 note that laws alone don't make people safe, law
 enforcement officers with adequate resources do!

Yours truly,


 Victor Obeyeske
 National President



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Attorney General of the United States
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Dear Attorney General Reno:

The National Troopers Coalition represents about 44,000 state troopers and highway patrolmen throughout the nation. We have been working with leaders in the House and Senate, the White House and you in an effort to forge a comprehensive, effective crime bill for the country.

We all agree that the problems with crime and criminals have reached crisis proportions and now is the time to bring our collective - federal, state and local - resources to bear.

Over the last year-plus, our members have repeatedly communicated their concerns and recommendations to the decision makers in Washington, and, of late, to the House/Senate conferees working on the crime bill. And, yes, our positions on some priority issues were not shared by others and were not resolved by this bill.

Notwithstanding, we believe that the compromise crime bill legislation just sent forward by the conference committee is necessary and we urge all members of the House and Senate to support it and the President to sign it.

Please be assured that after this legislation becomes law, we will work closely with you to monitor and evaluate its implementation and will assist with corrective measures should they become necessary.

We also thank you for your continued support of law enforcement and your special sensitivity and attention to the needs of our state troopers and highway patrolmen.

Sincerely,


James A. Rhinebarger
Chairman



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NATIONAL POLICE GROUP WITHHOLDS ALL POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS UNTIL FINAL CRIME BILL ACTION

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) has decided to withhold all federal and gubernatorial endorsements until after congressional consideration of the crime bill is completed.

"We in law enforcement were completely let down by many of our 'so-called supporters' in the U.S. House of Representatives last week when they voted against the rule to proceed on the crime bill," said Thomas J. Scotto, NAPO President and President of the New York City Detectives' Endowment Association. "And we feel that it is only appropriate that NAPO withhold our endorsements until after the Congress completes action on this pro-law enforcement legislation."

"The resources contained in this crime bill mean more cops on the nation's streets, more prisons to lock up criminals, less deadly assault weapons and prevention programs," Scotto continued. "For the working cop -- these resources are critical to fighting the war on crime."

"Therefore, we will not announce any endorsements until we get a crime bill," said Scotto.

The National Association of Police Organizations, a national law enforcement organization representing over 160,000 sworn law enforcement officers and 3,000 police unions and associations throughout the country, has been lobbying for strong anti crime legislation for almost six years now.

Last week after the House setback, President Clinton travelled to Minneapolis, MN to address the NAPO convention. There, Clinton made a plea to the American public to urge Congress to pass the crime bill for law enforcement and for the American public.

The Law Enforcement Steering Committee

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LAW ENFORCEMENT UNITED IN SUPPORT OF CRIME BILL

The Law Enforcement Steering Committee (LESC), a coalition of national law enforcement organizations representing over 500,000 law enforcement practitioners, for the first time in its history has joined in their unequivocal support for the passage of the crime bill conference report.

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"We demand that Congress support law enforcement by passing this Crime Bill," said Neil Behan, retired Baltimore County Chief of Police and Legislative Representative for the Major Cities Chiefs, currently LESC Chair. "This bill contains great help to federal, state and local law enforcement in their quest for safer streets."

"We have labored long and hard to bring the Bill this close to passage. For our sake and the sake of the citizens we serve, please make this bill a reality," Behan continued.

The leadership of the LESC groups met last Monday, August 8, with President Clinton to plot strategy on the crime bill and have spent countless hours lobbying for this pro-law enforcement legislation.

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The Law Enforcement Steering Committee

August 10, 1994

The Honorable Alan Simpson
Republican Whip
8-229 North Side of Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Simpson:

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We urge Congress to support law enforcement by passage of the Crime Bill. This Bill contains initiatives of great help to federal, state and local law enforcement in their quest for safer streets. More police officers, community policing, more prisons and research are among some of the important issues contained within this legislation.

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The Honorable Thad Cochran
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The Honorable David E. Bonior
Majority Whip
H-107 South Side of Capitol Building
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The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
Democratic Caucus Chairman
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Republican Conference Chairman
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The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Minority Whip
1620 Longworth House Office Building
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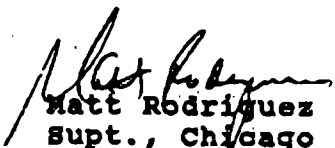
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The Honorable Robert H. Michel
Minority Leader
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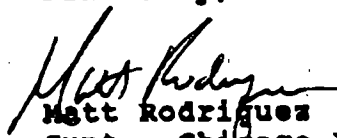
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August 10, 1994

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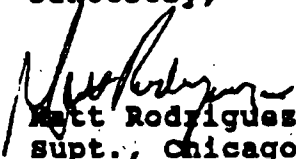
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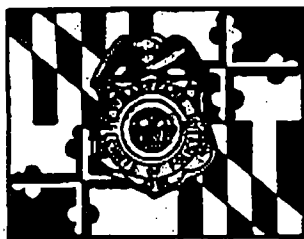
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August 12, 1994

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The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and other national law

enforcement organizations will be joining in a call for support of the Crime Bill

now before Congress.

Tomorrow, Saturday, August 13, at 11:00 a.m., Maryland law

enforcement members and community leaders will gather in front of the Baltimore

City Police Headquarters, 601 E. Fayette Street, to publicly voice this support for the Bill.

Sergeant-at-Arms

ROBERT M. ZIDEK
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In urging for the passage of this legislation, law enforcement notes that this Bill contains initiatives of great help to federal, state and local law enforcement in their quest for safer streets. More police officers, community policing, more prisons, a ban on assault weapons, and research are among some of the important issues contained within this legislation.

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The law enforcement community is dedicated to the advancement of public policies and legislation that will ensure the safety and security of our country's people. In this light, they call upon Congress for "our sake and the sake of the citizens we serve, to please take it all the way!"

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Support crime bill, Soglin urges Klug

Scholz said Klug's position has nothing to do with the NRA.

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**WEDNESDAY
BRIEFING****Police getting
more firepower**

MILWAUKEE (AP) -- Police agencies are putting more firepower with better accuracy in their officers' hands, the president of the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association says.

Menomonee Falls Police Chief David Steingraber said it is a paradox that, at a time when many police agencies are trying to establish more "community-oriented" policing strategies, they are heavily arming officers.

But, as law enforcement finds itself faced with more people such as those who robbed a bank in nearby Waukegan and then fatally shot a Waukegan police captain in April, it has become more common for police to upgrade their weapons, Steingraber said.

"More and more departments are acquiring (assault-type) weapons," he said.

Departments began replacing officers' six-shot revolvers with 9mm semiautomatic pistols several years ago, and the acquisition of the rifles followed, he said.

**Soglin takes
crime bill
push to D.C.**

Madison Mayor Paul Soglin will travel to Washington, D.C., today — along with the mayors of Chicago, Detroit and Seattle — to urge Congress to pass the crime bill.

Soglin said the bill is the most important legislation in three decades because it would expand neighborhood policing and crime prevention programs nationwide.

"This is a bill that is going to change the direction of this country," Soglin said Tuesday at a news conference. "It's not going to be done with simply more guns and more prisons."

Soglin, who is active in the U.S. Conference of Mayors, helped draft similar recommendations to reduce crime last year, using his experience in Madison, he said.

"We know that these programs work," Soglin said, because they have helped reduce crime in Madison's poor neighborhoods.

But creating neighborhood police officers alone won't reduce crime, he said. Those officers need help from neighborhood leaders, public health nurses, social workers and others, he said.

— By Joel Broadway



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NATIONAL POLICE GROUP VOICES OUTRAGE AT HOUSE VOTE ON CRIME BILL

As historic anti-crime legislation was defeated yesterday on a parliamentary procedure vote in the U.S. House of Representatives (225-210), the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) meets at its annual convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"The police of this country are completely outraged by the House action," said Thomas J. Scotto, NAPO President and President of the New York City Detectives' Association. "Voting against the rule to proceed on the crime bill is tantamount to voting against the crime bill itself -- and that is a vote against cops."

"This action can only be described as an assault on the law enforcement community -- without the aid and resources contained in this bill, we will be forced to continue to fight the war on crime with limited manpower, substandard equipment and outdated laws," Scotto stated.

Scotto continued, "We call upon the American public to join with us by contacting their Representatives to voice their displeasure with the House action and demand that the Congress pass the crime bill and pass it now."

NAPO, a national law enforcement organization representing over 160,000 sworn law enforcement officers and 3,000 police unions and associations throughout the country, has been lobbying for strong anti-crime legislation for almost six years now.

Earlier this week Tom Scotto and other law enforcement leaders met with President Clinton to plot strategy for passage of the crime bill conference report set back by the House of Representatives yesterday. NAPO will continue to push for passage of the crime bill as soon as possible and will vote on a resolution urging immediate Congressional passage.

August 9, 1994

HUFFINGTON STATEMENT ON THE CRIME BILL RULE

"I'm very concerned about the Democrat leadership's propensity to ram through legislation using procedural tricks and restrictive rules.

"On bill after bill, attempts by the Minority to improve the pending legislation have been thwarted by a Democrat Leadership drunk on power. The Crime bill is no exception.

"The numbers don't lie. In the late 1970s -- in the 95th Congress -- 85% of the rules used by the House were open. That allowed for a healthy exchange of ideas. However, in the current Congress, only 28% of the rules have allowed all Members to participate in the amending process."

"I will vote against the rule because it is no more than artificial protection for a host of provisions that the American people don't want. In fact, conference reports usually don't need rules. But the liberals know that many of their pet provisions are not germane and without a rule would be eliminated on points of order.

This crime bill is filled with social programs that failed to pass Congress before and would fail to make a major dent in crime. These programs include nearly a billion dollars for a "saturation jobs program", and \$270 million for cultural, arts and craft, dance and sports programs.

I want to see an end to the days when absurd and costly non-germane programs get slipped into big legislative packages. House Members should be allowed to streamline this bill and make it tougher on crime."

Wednesday, August 10, 1994

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Huffington to oppose debate rule for crime bill; cops upset

McCLATCHY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senate candidate Michael Huffington yesterday said he would oppose a procedural motion that accompanies the federal crime bill — a stand that indirectly could help doom the measure.

The first-term Republican congressman from Santa Barbara said in a statement that he would vote against a procedural rule that limits areas of debate on the legislation. He said the rule was "no more than artificial protection" for the bill's social



Michael Huffington

programs.

A nationwide police group with more than 40,000 members in California said Huffington's decision to oppose the rule was tantamount to opposing the bill.

"However he wants to couch it... this is a vote against cops," said Beth McGee, a spokeswoman for the National Association of Police Organizations, which meets this weekend to consider endorsements in Senate races.

"To not allow the Congress to vote on the bill, he's killing it by not allowing an up or down (vote)," she said.

The congressman refused comments on how he would vote if the measure itself is considered.

A vote on the rule could come today or tomorrow. A defeat would likely force the bill to be redrafted — making passage this

year almost impossible.

Huffington is embroiled in a close contest for the Senate seat now held by Democrat Dianne Feinstein. The crime bill includes a provision sponsored by Feinstein that would ban for 10 years the manufacture and possession of 19 types of assault weapons.

Voting against the rule is "essentially a way to kill the crime bill and that would prevent 10,000 police officers from going on the streets of California, and it would mean that assault weapons could be sold legally throughout the country," said Bill Chandler, Feinstein's spokesman.

Police groups say they want the legislation because it would fund the hiring of 100,000 new officers, including 10,000 in California.

"We just don't want to see something

this meaningful go down the drain over political posturing," said Al Angele, head of the California Organization of Police and Sheriffs, a 6,200-member group that sent Huffington an open letter Monday urging him to support the procedural rule.

Angele acknowledged, though, that Huffington may be confronting a difficult political quandary: either he votes against police groups or votes for a measure whose passage Feinstein would tout as a major accomplishment.

Huffington opposed the rule accompanying an earlier version of the crime bill during House consideration in April, but voted for the legislation itself several days later. He also voted against the rule that accompanied the separate assault weapon ban measure in May, but backed the bill itself later that day.

After the House passed the two bills, they were combined and sent to a House-Senate conference committee to work out differences with a Senate version approved last year. The panel wrapped up negotiations late last month.

In his statement, Huffington contended that the rule was a cover for jobs, arts and sports programs that "would fail to make a major dent in crime.... I want to see an end to the days when absurd and costly non-germane programs get slipped into big legislative packages."

Supporters of these programs — which account for \$7.4 billion of a \$33 billion measure — say they will help prevent crime by providing job training and financing activities to lure youths away from gangs.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The International Brotherhood of Police Officers, the largest police union in Massachusetts and the country, today reiterated its unqualified support for President Clinton's "milestone" anti-crime legislation and urged Congress to reconsider its negative vote on the bill.

IBPO Legislative Director Ray McGrath, in issuing his organization's support of the \$33 billion bill, took issue with the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association and the Massachusetts State Police Association, whose spokesman James Barry, last week criticized the anti-crime package.

McGrath said the IBPO joins Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and all the mayors of major cities throughout the country in assailing Congress for allowing special interest groups like the National Rifle Association to scuttle legislation that would put 2300 additional police officers on the streets in Massachusetts.

"The wide range of benefits in the bill to fight crime in Massachusetts and the rest of New England are quite significant," said McGrath. "It's a shame the legislation was sidetracked due to the ban on assault weapons and sentencing."

McGrath said there are too many pluses to allow this bill to fade away. "Congress must act immediately and bring it back for another vote. There's been too many delay tactics already. The politicking has got to come to an end. We need this legislation to curb crime in the United States."

"As written, the bill provides the three most important elements in the controlling of crime in the United States (1) crime prevention funds, (2) 100,000 more police officers and (3) more prisons," said McGrath. "The Crime Bill gives all law enforcement officers and agencies the tools they need in the fight against crime."



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Honorable Joseph R. Biden
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO) represents more than 40,000 federal, state and local rank and file law enforcement officers across the country. IBPO is the largest law enforcement officers union in the United States. The IBPO's strongly supports and endorses the Crime Bill Conference Report, and urges its swift adoption by the House and Senate.

The IBPO has long advocated comprehensive efforts to address violent crime where it occurs: at the state and local level. This crime bill represents historic achievements to accomplish this goal. The bill fully funds a total of \$30.2 billion in anti-crime programs. Most importantly, the bill provides \$8.8 billion to fund 100,000 police officers. The decision to not only authorize but appropriate the resources required to put additional officers on the streets truly recognizes the importance of providing resources to state and local police who are responsible for over 95% of arrests.

The crime bill is an appropriate balance of police, punishment and prevention, a holistic approach critical to a long term cure. For example, the crime bill provides \$8.3 billion in aid to state and local prisons, provides harsh penalties including "three strikes and you're out", and expands the federal death penalty. Yet the crime bill also recognizes the importance of prevention by providing \$125 million to combat violent youth gangs, \$300 million to prevent crime in schools and \$1.2 billion for drug courts that require drug testing, treatment and alternative punishment for young drug offenders. In addition, it provides \$1.8 billion for direct funding to localities for anti-crime efforts, such as drug treatment and education.

In addition, the crime bill takes other critical steps to combat crime. For example, the crime bill enacts a ban on certain semi-automatic assault weapons. In addition, the crime bill incorporates the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act, which takes a comprehensive approach to reducing domestic violence.

The Crime Bill Conference Report is the most comprehensive legislation Congress has ever proposed to combat violent crime. IBPO members have lobbied for 6 years for a comprehensive crime bill. We urge you to take action now.

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: 19 Aug 94 Buffalo News

County police chiefs voice support for Clinton crime bill

By PAUL CARROLL
News Cheektowaga Bureau

Erie County police chiefs gave strong backing Thursday to the Clinton administration's crime bill, including crime-prevention programs and a ban on assault weapons.

"This legislation is geared to reduce crime by concentrating on more police, more punishment and more prevention," said Chief Bruce D. Chamberlin of Cheektowaga, County Police Chiefs Association president.

Without mentioning the president or either national party, Chamberlin said the association — representing all city, town and village police chiefs in the county — adopted its stand at a meeting Wednesday and Buffalo Police Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske took part in the unanimous vote.

Flanked by the police chiefs of the towns of Tonawanda, Amherst and West Seneca, Chamberlin said the bill would not only help large cities but also suburban areas that feel the effects of the crime problem.

"We're at the point where the towns, villages and cities can't go it alone," he said.

"The crime-prevention programs, which have somehow become branded as 'social programs,' are necessary if we are to turn things around," he said. "Policing has realized that it has to be more pro-active in that it has to get ahead of the problems," he added.

The ban on new assault weapons "is an important part of the bill," said Chief John B. Askey of Amherst.

Asked if local congressman are giving the proposal enough support, he said, "We could receive more."

Chamberlin noted that the bill is undergoing changes in negotiations but said it provides flexibility for funds to be used for training, equipment and other needs if a local police department does not need additional police officers.

While the bill is "not perfect," it "goes a long way to addressing needs," including family violence, violence against women and providing \$9 million for new prison construction, he added.

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Why 'midnight basketball'?

To prevent crime, that's why

Attack on this part of crime bill is irresponsible

WHILE the health-care debate has put an emphasis on prevention as the most efficient way to spend money, the debate on the troubled crime bill has moved in precisely the opposite direction. Yet the stakes for potential victims are just as high.

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Yet that time-proven wisdom seems to escape some members of Congress — though only selectively. It doesn't escape them when it comes to the wealth of recreational and cultural programs available for kids in well-

to-do suburbs; it's only a boondoggle when impoverished urban areas need federal help to provide a little bit of the same kind of thing to their kids.

Despite the concept's catchy name, the programs are not all at midnight, and they are not just basketball. They use basketball as the hook to also incorporate educational components and to instill the types of social values that these same critics claim are lacking in too many young people.

No less a conservative than George Bush praised such programs when lauding his "thousand points of light" volunteer efforts. But if something is worthwhile and communities can't get it done on their own, the federal government has a role to play. Prevention programs are no more solely the province of localities than are hiring police or building jails.

And Republican critics cannot honestly criticize such efforts on the grounds that "social

programs" of the past have not worked. By that logic, there would be no point in hiring more police or building more prisons, either, because the cops and jails we have now have failed to prevent more crime.

More cops and more prisons mean the ability to catch and punish more crooks. That is fine; punishment is needed for those who prey on society.

But punishment after the fact is cold comfort to a victim — or a victim's survivors — when positive intervention might have turned that mugger or dope dealer in another direction earlier in life.

That's not "pork." That's just common sense.

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Yet that time-proven wisdom seems to escape some members of Congress — though only selectively. It doesn't escape them when it comes to the wealth of recreational and cultural programs available for kids in well-

to-do suburbs; it's only a boondoggle when impoverished urban areas need federal help to provide a little bit of the same kind of thing to their kids.

Despite the concept's catchy name, the programs are not all at midnight, and they are not just basketball. They use basketball as the hook to also incorporate educational components and to instill the types of social values that these same critics claim are lacking in too many young people.

No less a conservative than George Bush praised such programs when lauding his "thousand points of light" volunteer efforts. But if something is worthwhile and communities can't get it done on their own, the federal government has a role to play. Prevention programs are no more solely the province of localities than are hiring police or building jails.

And Republican critics cannot honestly criticize such efforts on the grounds that "social

programs" of the past have not worked. By that logic, there would be no point in hiring more police or building more prisons, either, because the cops and jails we have now have failed to prevent more crime.

More cops and more prisons mean the ability to catch and punish more crooks. That is fine; punishment is needed for those who prey on society.

But punishment after the fact is cold comfort to a victim — or a victim's survivors — when positive intervention might have turned that mugger or dope dealer in another direction earlier in life.

That's not "pork." That's just common sense.

**Punishing crime
is important.
But what's even
better is turning
lives around so
that young
people don't
become
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County police chiefs voice support for Clinton crime bill

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Eric County police chiefs gave strong backing Thursday to the Clinton administration's crime bill, including crime-prevention programs and a ban on assault weapons.

"This legislation is geared to reduce crime by concentrating on more police, more punishment and more prevention," said Chief Bruce D. Chamberlin of Cheektowaga, County Police Chiefs Association president.

Without mentioning the president or either national party, Chamberlin said the association — representing all city, town and village police chiefs in the county — adopted its stand at a meeting Wednesday and Buffalo Police Commissioner R. Gil Kerlikowske took part in the unanimous vote.

Flanked by the police chiefs of the towns of Tonawanda, Amherst and West Seneca, Chamberlin said the bill would not only help large cities but also suburban areas that feel the effects of the crime problem.

"We're at the point where the towns, villages and cities can't go it alone," he said.

"The crime-prevention programs, which have somehow become branded as 'social programs,' are necessary if we are to turn things around," he said. "Policing has realized that it has to be more pro-active in that it has to get ahead of the problems," he added.

The ban on new assault weapons "is an important part of the bill," said Chief John B. Askey of Amherst.

Asked if local congressmen are giving the proposal enough support, he said, "We could receive more."

Chamberlin noted that the bill is undergoing changes in negotiations but said it provides flexibility for funds to be used for training, equipment and other needs if a local police department does not need additional police officers.

While the bill is "not perfect," it "goes a long way to addressing needs," including family violence, violence against women and providing \$9 million for new prison construction, he added.

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