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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 238,000 rank-and-file police officers from across the United States, I would like to thank you for joining Senator Jon Kyl (R-MO) in introducing the Combat Meth Enhancement Act, S. 2071, and advise you of our support for the legislation. If enacted, this legislation will address issues being faced by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement in the implementation of the Combat Meth Epidemic Act, Public Law 109-177.

Because pseudoephedrine and ephedrine are found in many over-the-counter cold and sinus medicines such as Sudafed, meth cooks are able purchase, or steal the ingredient in large quantities. The Combat Meth Epidemic Act was enacted to address this problem by moving pseudoephedrine and ephedrine, the primary ingredients used to make meth, behind the pharmacy counter. Additionally, the Act established a system to monitor and regulate the retail sales of non-prescription pseudoephedrine and ephedrine products.

Despite the positive progress being made under the current law in curbing meth abuse, the DEA and state and local law enforcement are having difficulty identifying and ensuring that the sellers of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine products have self-certified with the DEA. The self-certification process created under the Combat Meth Epidemic Act verifies that retailers have trained their personnel about the law and have created logbooks of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine sales. S. 2071 will improve the self-certification process and will assist the DEA in identifying those sellers that are not self-certified. By making certain that all sellers of such products have fully complied with the law, this legislation will greatly assist federal, state and local law enforcement contain the production of methamphetamine.

NAPO looks forward to working with you to fight for this legislation's passage and I thank you for your continued support of law enforcement. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or NAPO's Government Affairs Director, Andrea Mournighan, at (703) 549-0775.

Sincerely,

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