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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI AND TO POLICE OFFICER DARREN WILSON

Ahead of everything else, we mourn the loss of human life. Our entire professional careers, and our personal beliefs, are founded on the conviction that life matters. "To serve and protect" isn't only a motto, it's an aspiration and a reflection of the intrinsic value of every human being, regardless of age, color, sex, status, religion, orientation or appearance. We recognize and grieve over the fact that a life is cut short in this case, and nothing will ever change the awful reality of that human tragedy for everyone involved.

At the same time, and just as importantly to us and, we hope, to all people of good will, we have a deep and profound concern for Police Officer Darren Wilson.

Officer Wilson, most of us will never have the chance to meet you or your family in person, but if we could, we would want you to know that hundreds of thousands of your brother and sister officers, and millions of citizens across our nation, remember you. We care about you, your coworkers, your family and loved ones. We don't pretend to know all the facts in this case, no one does. But we do know that every person involved in this case is entitled to due process, and that includes you.

On behalf of the more than 240,000 officers from every walk of life whom we represent, and the millions of citizens we serve, we pray for peace on our streets, we strive for justice, and we remember the individual men and women called to serve and protect. And we remember you, Officer Wilson.

Respectfully, the men and women of the National Association of Police Organizations:

- Amherst Police Club
- Arizona Conference of Police & Sheriffs
- Arizona Corrections Association
- Boston Emergency Services Division of BPPA
- Boston Police Patrolmen's Association
- Boston Police Patrolmen's Association Retired Division
- Boston Police Superior Officers Federation
- Brighton Police Patrolmen's Association
- Buckeye Police Association
- Captains' Endowment Association of NYPD
- Chandler Law Enforcement Association
- Cheektowaga Police Club
- City of Long Beach PBA
- Clark County Sheriff's Guild
- Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas
- Concord Police Patrolmen's Association
- Conroe Firefighter's Retirement Fund
- Dade County, Florida PBA
- Dallas Police Association
- Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Santa Clara County
- Detectives' Endowment Association of NYPD
- Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association
- Detroit Police Officers Association
- East Hampton Town PBA
- East Hampton Village PBA
- Federal Flight Deck Officers Association
- Floral Park PBA
- Florida PBA
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- Fremont Police Association
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- Glen Cove PBA
- Goodyear Police Officers Association
- Greece Police Gold Badge Club
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- Greenburgh Police Association
- Hempstead PBA
- Houston Police Officers' Union
- International Brotherhood of Police Officers
- Iowa State Police Association
- Irondequoit Nightstick Club PBA
- Jersey City Police Officers' Benevolent Association
- Keene Police Officers Association
- Las Vegas Police Managers & Supervisors Association
- Las Vegas Police Protective Association
- Law Enforcement League of the IBOT
- Lieutenants' Benevolent Association of NYPD
- Lloyd Harbor PBA
- Los Angeles Police Protective League
- Massachusetts Coalition of Police
- Mesa Police Association
- Milwaukee Police Employees Association
- Monroe County PBA
- Montana Police Protective Association
- Nassau County Detectives Association
- Nassau County PBA
- Nassau Police Conference
- New Bedford Police Union
- New Jersey State PBA
- New York City PBA
- New York State Troopers PBA
- Newark Police Superior Officers Association
- North Las Vegas Police Officers Association
- Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association
- Old Brookville PBA
- Palm Beach County, Florida PBA
- Phoenix Law Enforcement Association
- Plymouth Police Brotherhood
- Police Association of New Orleans
- Police Conference of New York
- Police Officers Labor Council of Michigan
- Policemen's Benevolent & Protective Association of Illinois
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey PBA
- Port Authority Police Detectives' Endowment Association
- Port Authority Police Lieutenants' Benevolent Association
- Port Authority Police Sergeants' Benevolent Association
- Port Chester Police Association
- Port Washington PBA
- Portland Police Association
- Postal Police Officers Association
- Quoque Village PBA
- Rochester Police Locust Club
- Rockville Centre PBA
- Southampton Town PBA
- Southampton Village PBA
- Southold Town PBA
- St. Louis Police Leadership Organization
- Stamford Police Association
- State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers
- Suffolk County Deputy Sheriff's PBA
- Suffolk County Detective Investigators PBA
- Suffolk County Detectives Association
- Suffolk County PBA
- Suffolk County Police Conference
- Suffolk County Superior Officers Association
- Superior Officers Association Nassau County Police Department
- Syracuse PBA
- Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Authority PBA
- Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Authority, Superior Officers Benevolent Association
- United Public Service Employees Union/C.O.P.S. Division
- Upstate New York PBA
- Washington State Patrol Lieutenants Association
- Watertown PBA
- West Seneca PBA
- Wisconsin Professional Police Association
- Yorktown PBA



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