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Colligan/Kovar meet with Trump at the White House July 31, 2020

State PBA President Pat Colligan and Executive Vice President Marc Kovar today joined NAPO leaders from around the United States at the White House to meet with President Trump and Vice President Pence to discuss combatting the national anti-police sentiment and to announce NAPO's endorsement of the President's re-election.

NAPO recently voted to endorse the President after backing former Vice President Biden in 2008 and 2012. President Trump has frequently spoken out in favor of the nation's law enforcement officers and he has been especially supportive recently as some public officials have spoken out against and threatened to defund law enforcement.

President Colligan and Executive Vice President Kovar both spoke to the President during the meeting with NAPO leaders to express the disappointment of the State PBA in those officials that criticize law enforcement officers while ignoring the outbreak of lawlessness and murder that has spread across the nation.

Executive Vice President Kovar, who serves as a NAPO elected officer, told the President: "Too many elected officials have let us down despite the fact that New Jersey officers do their job professionally and with less need for force than officers in nearly every other State."

President Colligan has been outspoken that the public campaign against the police is not only bad for morale and officer safety but the effort to limit the powers and response of the police is empowering a dangerous criminal element in too many places.

The meeting at the White House was also attended by PBA and NAPO leaders from New York, Florida, Massachusetts and Texas as well. The President once again reiterated his support for the law enforcement community and pledged to continue to fight to keep officers and our communities safe.