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North Carolina's Largest Law Enforcement Organization and Two Others Endorse Easley

RALEIGH – Three statewide law enforcement organizations recently endorsed Governor Mike Easley for reelection. The Fraternal Order of Police, the North Carolina Coalition of Police (NCCops), and the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) have all announced their support of Easley.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest organization of law enforcement officers in the United States and North Carolina. The FOP has more than 310,000 members nationally. The NC FOP has 51 local lodges with membership of over 5,200 law enforcement officers statewide. The FOP is committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those they serve through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation. See www.ncfop.org.

The North Carolina Coalition of Police (NCCops) is a statewide coalition of police officers. Presently, NCCops includes over 1,000 individual members within many law enforcement agencies throughout NC. See www.NCcops.org.

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police groups from across the United States that serves to advance the interests of America's law enforcement. See www.napo.org.

Under Governor Easley's leadership, North Carolina has been able to avoid the mass lay-offs and pay cuts experienced by law enforcement in many other states. Our improving fiscal situation should now allow the legislature to consider such steps as moving towards 25 year full retirement packages. Governor Easley is proud to support such action on behalf of law enforcement personnel.

Governor Easley believes North Carolina must continue to reduce DNA backlogs in crime analysis, support coordination of communication between law enforcement agencies, fight the growing "meth" epidemic, and enhance professional standards and training. Together, Governor Easley and North Carolina law enforcement have taken significant new steps in these areas, and are committed to making even more progress.