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## PRESS RELEASE

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Regarding the actions and statements of  
US Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)

As the executive director of the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA), the largest law enforcement labor union in New England, as well as President of the United Federation of Police Officers (UFPO) and on behalf of our members, we find the recent anti-police rhetoric by US Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) both appalling and insulting to every dedicated and hard working man and woman of the law enforcement community.

As a law enforcement officer and union official for over 35 years, as well as the father of a police officer, I find Sen. Warren comments divisive, destructive and completely unwarranted. Her obvious disdain for law enforcement is troublesome in a time when officers are being assassinated as they simply sit in their cruisers, shot & killed responding to fake calls for service, responding to a domestic disturbance or by trying to serve a warrant of apprehension - or simply being stoned to death while doing their job!

Her senseless and completely insane comment calling the justice system **"racist . . . front to back"** is not only inflammatory and degrading to those who serve and protect the citizens of the Commonwealth, to which she claims to represent - but yet is just another example of her instability and reckless abandon regarding the truth.

In the interest of full disclosure, our organization not only endorsed and supported President Trump as a result of his support of law enforcement; we were the first labor union in the country to do so. Yet, I was also the keynote speaker with President William Jefferson Clinton on the Brady Bill at the White House and have spoken before congress on dozens of law enforcement issues. So, this is NOT a partisan position, but rather a personal one about someone who shoots her mouth off before she knows the facts.

As a first responder, I observed firsthand the devastation and destruction of 9-11 and the weeping of families who lost love ones and the missing person posters being held by love ones who died that day at the hands of foreign terrorists, which was also the largest loss of life for law enforcement in a single day.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund & Museum, which honors yearly the over 20,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and having attended countless funerals for those heroes who were killed in the line of duty, I have yet to see Sen. Elizabeth Warren at a single event in Washington D.C. honoring these heroes.

As someone who has worked closely for decades on law enforcement issues with congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle, including the two previous US Senators she preceded, US Senator Scott Brown (R-MA) & US Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), both of whom worked tirelessly for members of law enforcement and fought to insure we received the proper training, equipment and public support. In fact, Sen. Kennedy was responsible for the Federal Death Benefit that gave the families of those public safety officials killed in the line of duty a monetary contribution, which would insure their families would be financially secure and protected.

Yet, Senator Warren has done NOTHING to neither enhance nor protect the law enforcement community, in fact, this is the same Sen. Elizabeth Warren who called for the elimination of para-military apparatus by local and state law enforcement, including those utilized by experienced and professionally trained SWAT teams after the Boston Marathon Bombing.

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Yet, her constituents applauded the police for capturing the escaped foreign terrorist/cop-killing murderer, in a door to door search conducted by Watertown Police and other law enforcement agencies utilizing the same para-military equipment Sen. Warren condemned.

We, the members of the law enforcement community have been treated by the previous Obama administration, like second class citizens and common criminals for eight long years, with comments of "acting stupidly" and condemning police officers for their split second decision making before the facts are even known. Senator Warren is not only an Obama disciple - she is the constant reminder of what is wrong with congress and why good and decent people on both sides of the aisle are so sorely missed by those of us in law enforcement.

Therefore, we hereby demand Senator Elizabeth Warren issues an immediate public apology and stop with her constant barrage of anti-police attacks and false accusations on those of us who served proudly and/or continues to protect her and her constituents.

Yet, perhaps her most recent outrageous comment came at the hands of a victim who can no longer defend herself, when she called the murder of Mollie Tibbetts by an illegal immigrant – ***"I know this is hard" for her family, but they "have to remember" that we need to focus on "real problems" like illegal immigrants not being able to see their kids!***

Well, Senator Warren here is a newsflash for you. . . "The parent of Mollie Tibbetts will NEVER see their daughter again!" Furthermore, most normal people would find it HARD to believe that there is anything more REAL than losing a child. We realize you believe that "illegal" immigrants should have the same rights as an American citizen, like Mollie Tibbetts, but clearly criminals like this murderer are why ICE and "legal" immigration are needed.

Perhaps, the next time to get the urge to "act stupidly" you might want to think about Weymouth, MA Police Officer Michael Chesna, Yarmouth, MA Police K-9 Sgt. Sean Gannon, Auburn, MA Police Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr., MIT Police Officer Sean Collier, Woburn, MA Police Officer John Maguire, Lowell, MA Police Officer Christos G. Rouses and the hundreds of others who gave their lives protecting the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and your constituents. While you're at it, a call to the parents of Mollie Tibbetts regarding your heartless comments might go a long way as well.

Now Senator, what about that apology?

In solidarity,

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