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NDAA Applauds President Trump and Congress for Supporting the Bipartisan *First Step Act of 2018*

ARLINGTON, Virginia – President Donald J. Trump signed S.756, the revised *First Step Act of 2018*, into law. NDAA congratulates the White House, Congress, and stakeholders in the law enforcement community for coming together to pass this bipartisan legislation, which strikes the appropriate balance between reducing recidivism and protecting public safety.

Tasked with the constitutional duty of protecting the communities we serve from bad actors while seeking justice for victims of crime and protecting the innocent, our members are acutely aware of the need to constantly review the criminal justice system and make necessary improvements. After weeks of discussions with the White House and Senate Judiciary staff, NDAA is confident that the revised *First Step Act of 2018* ensures the American criminal justice system is continually improved upon and seen as a model for innovative programming. Further, our members are pleased that a provision, requested by NDAA, investing some of the savings from the implementation of the legislation back into state and local law enforcement activities to combat gangs, hire and train front-line officers and prosecutors and promote crime fighting strategies, was included in the final package signed into law. NDAA applauds Congress for providing the Nation's prosecutors and law enforcement officials with the additional funding and resources they need to keep communities safe.

Nelson Bunn, Executive Director of NDAA, praised both the White House and Congress calling today's signing, "a significant step to address limited front-ending sentencing reform and back-end prison reform, while ensuring public safety remains the top priority of lawmakers nation-wide." State and local prosecutors remain committed to working alongside their federal partners to implement these needed reforms to our criminal justice system. The revised *First Step of Act of 2018* was endorsed by other key stakeholders in the law enforcement community including the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives.

The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), www.ndaa.org, is the largest prosecutor organization in the country, representing 2,500 elected and appointed District Attorneys across the United States, as well as 40,000 Assistant District Attorneys.

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