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The Honorable José Serrano
Chairman, House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Commerce, Justice, State, and Related Agencies
Capitol Building, H-310
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Subcommittee
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Dear Chairman Serrano and Ranking Member Aderholt:

The International Association of Emergency Managers – University and College Caucus (IAEM-UCC) urges the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies to include the \$2 million funding request proposed by Representative Bobby Scott for the National Center for Campus Public Safety (NCCPS). The IAEM-UCC is comprised of more than 300 members who serve more than 150 institutions of higher education and more than 3.5 million students. Our members are found in 41 U.S. states and 2 Canadian provinces.

The NCCPS is a strong ally in campus safety and the IAEM - UCC. NCCPS has actively participated in our annual IAEM - UCC symposium since their inception in 2014. Most recently we have been honored to host a NCCPS emerging issues forum the last two years that have provided our members an opportunity to not only collaborate on current emergency management challenges, but also develop tangible potential solutions that can benefit any institute of higher education. The white papers developed from these forums are seen throughout the community as valuable to enhancing overall campus public safety and institutional resiliency. Resources such as the Virtual Professional Development Initiative allow campus employees a no-cost, high quality training solution at no charge benefitting institutions with limited resources.

NCCPS continues to offer forums, training, professional development webinars, an immense virtual library of resources and research in support of college campuses. As disasters, emergencies and other campus public safety issues such as Title IX continue to permeate on college campuses, NCCPS is a resource any institution can look to for timely guidance, support and resources. The NCCPS has fulfilled their mission to serve as an essential central clearinghouse for campus public safety agencies to access safety-related resources and

information. Failing to continue to fund this center would be a significant setback for national campus safety and emergency preparedness.

Sincerely,

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