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The Honorable Gale Ann Norton  
Secretary of the Interior  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am writing on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police to express our great concern with the recent suspension of U.S. Park Police Chief Theresa Chambers—a decision that is as unconscionable as it is unreasonable.

For today's police chiefs, ensuring the public safety is not just a matter of making sure that the streets are patrolled and that the officers of their department are responsive to the citizens they serve. It also means speaking out when conditions arise which threaten that very safety. Chief Chambers did not seek out the attention which her comments and the subsequent actions of the National Park Service have garnered. In responding to a reporter's questions she chose to answer truthfully, and relayed facts rather than rhetoric. For this she should be praised. Instead, the Park Service has deemed it necessary to inflict on Chief Chambers the maximum punishment which a law enforcement officer can receive: surrendering her badge and gun.

Chief Chambers has the full support of the F.O.P.-U.S. Park Police Labor Committee, the District of Columbia State Lodge, and the more than 310,000 members of our organization. It is on behalf of these individuals that we strongly urge the immediate and full restoration of Theresa Chambers to the position of Chief of the United States Park Police.

Executive Director Jim Pasco through our Washington office if you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Sincerely,

*Chuck Canterbury*  
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National President