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Barry H. Ostrowsky
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Ostrowsky,

On October 2, 2018, NorthJersey.com published an article on how the Fair Lawn, New Jersey, School District hired armed uniformed Police Officers to patrol their schools. A comment linked to the article posted via social media caught the attention of the public as well as national law enforcement causing outrage. This comment made by Michellene Davis, a lawyer and Vice President of Corporate Affairs for the Robert Wood Johnson/Barnabas Health Network (RWJBarnabas) commented, "***Who is going to train them (the police) not to shoot black children first.***"

After making such an abhorrent comment, the follow-up comments went viral, and her first instinct was to lie, stating she was hacked, then recanted and offered an apology. Her inflammatory comment insinuated that our nations law enforcement target and systematically murder children of color, painting law enforcement officers as racist, untrained, murderers, is not only uneducated and outright false, but is disgrace coming for a person in her position dictating the corporate affairs of one on New Jersey's largest health network.

The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA) is comprised of over 26,000 members from over 65 Federal Agencies. Several of our members are members of Brothers Before Others (BBO), which is an outstanding 501(C)(3) charitable organization that parallels our model of "Don't Go it Alone."

We stand with BBO as they take the lead on this issue, standing up against bigotry, unwarranted anti-police rhetoric and stifling the perpetuation of division in the communities. We need leaders that promote cohesiveness, not division.

Very truly yours,

Nathan R. Catura

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FLEOA National President