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President's Message

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Northeast President Craig Penet and I traveled to Washington D.C. during National Police Week to represent FPPOA. During the week, we met with Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Matthew Rowland, and Deputy Assistant Director Nancy Beatty. A myriad of issues were discussed including: current budget cuts and the effects on staff; officer safety and the protection of officers' personal information; the Department of Justice's proposal for increased "good time conduct" credit and how that will impact post-conviction supervision officers; the next potential FPPOA National Training Institute (NTI); the possibility of a national policy establishing overtime pay and compensatory time; and the fiscal outlook for 2014. The issue of sovereign citizens and frivolous lawsuits being filed against our officers was also addressed. FPPOA is very grateful to the AO for taking the time to meet with FPPOA and discussing the issues which concern our members.

We also had the opportunity to meet with the Chief U.S. Probation Officer of the District of Co-

lumbia, Gennine Hagar, and the Deputy Chief, Shari McCoy, along with members of their staff. Deputy Chief McCoy provided us with a tour of their office, including an area with computers that offenders can use to assist in job searches. In addition, they have an extensive closet filled with suits, shoes, toiletries, and other items to provide to offenders. These two resources are part of a very intensive and successful workforce development program forwarded by their district.

Craig and I also had the pleasure of meeting with Assistant United States Attorney Anne Gannon, who is currently the National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction at the U.S. Department of Justice. AUSA Gannon explained how human trafficking and child exploitation cases are part of the department's Vulnerable People Priority Goal aimed at protecting those most in need of help. In March 2013, DOJ issued

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