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### **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Supports the Safe, Accountable, Fair, and Effective (SAFE) Justice Act of 2015**

**[Alexandria, VA]** Today, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) joins the growing bipartisan momentum in supporting the Safe, Accountable, Fair, and Effective (SAFE) Justice Act of 2015. Our commitment to improving the federal criminal justice system is why we strongly support the passage of the SAFE Justice Act. Introduced by Rep. James Sensenbrenner and Rep. Bobby Scott, the SAFE Justice Act is a comprehensive criminal justice reform bill that improves public safety and saves money by applying evidence-based approaches to sentencing, recidivism-reduction, rehabilitation programs, re-entry and supervision.

We know law enforcement officers play a vital role in putting comprehensive approaches to crime prevention, intervention and reduction into place on the community level.

The data shows that it is not the length of the sentence that deters someone from committing crime, but rather the certainty of being caught. By hiring more law enforcement and correctional officers and providing them with reimbursement opportunities for furthering their education combined with increased pay and improved safety precautions, officers will be better equipped for their duties.

Furthermore, research demonstrates that having a representative police force along with investing in police athletic leagues and similar programs that build strong community ties not only lower crime and allegations of racial profiling but discourage counterproductive incarceration.

It is for these reasons; the SAFE Justice Act is an important step forward in correcting our criminal justice system by improving public safety, repairing and increasing civilian-officer relationships, and investing in our communities. NOBLE looks forward to supporting the SAFE Justice Act as it moves through the legislative process by working with Members of Congress from its position as a community stakeholder on law enforcement and policing issues.

### **About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives**

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit [www.noblenational.org](http://www.noblenational.org).

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