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Dear Mr Lynch

I write in my capacity as president of both the Police Federation of Australia and the Police Association of South Australia. On behalf of almost 60,000 police union members across Australia, I offer you – and all NYCPBA members – sincere condolences for the loss of officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu.

Australian police have a particularly strong sense of the global police family and are, in that context, deeply saddened. In our way of thinking, Rafael and Wenjian were as much our brothers as they were yours. We did not need to know them on a personal level to regard them this way.

Australia knows the pain of losing police officers to acts of murder. We can therefore identify with the grief which has no doubt beset these fallen officers' families and colleagues.

As a visitor to New York City, I have seen examples of the excellent service your members deliver their community. It is regrettable that some individuals fail to appreciate that that service entails the ultimate risk to officers' lives.

Please be aware that, as your members undertake the healing process, they have the rock-solid support of Australia's state, territory and national police unions.

If the Police Federation of Australia can in any way assist the NYCPBA through this tragedy, please feel free to contact our Canberra office. And, if possible, please extend our deepest sympathy to the families and colleagues of Rafael and Wenjian.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Carroll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'M' and 'C'.

Mark Carroll
President