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**Re: The Fraternal Order of Police, Pennsylvania State Lodge  
Opposes Senate Bill 166 PN 139**

Dear Senator:

Senate Bill 166 attempts to drive a wedge between law enforcement officers and their chosen labor representatives, and renders them second class citizens with respect to their right to have dues and other voluntary deductions withdrawn from their paychecks. The bill provides no taxpayer savings and serves no legitimate public interest despite claims to the contrary by advocates for this policy change and out of state special interests groups. Instead, Senate Bill 166 appears to be a purely political attack on public employees, including law enforcement officers and their representatives, with the ultimate goal being to eliminate our voice from the debate over fair pay and benefits, reasonable retirement security and safe working conditions.

The PA FOP strongly opposes this legislation that directly harms approximately 24,000 active law enforcement officers in Pennsylvania. Senate Bill 166 will eliminate voluntary dues deductions negotiated or awarded in collective bargaining which will significantly undermine Act 11 and Act 195. If passed, this legislation will make it extraordinarily difficult for law enforcement officers to negotiate and maintain fair pay, benefits, and safe working conditions.

Because Senate Bill 166 will inflict real and lasting harm on all workers in Pennsylvania, including law enforcement personnel who risk their lives in defense of our Commonwealth's citizens and businesses each day, the Pennsylvania FOP opposes SB 166 PN 139 and asks that you join us in rejecting this bill.

Thank you for your continued support of Pennsylvania's law enforcement officers. If you have any questions regarding our opposition to Senate Bill 166 and any similar attempts to harm Pennsylvania workers, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Les Neri, President  
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