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## **Kildee and Fitzpatrick Introduce FOP's Collective Bargaining Bill!**

### *FOP Top Priority Introduced in the House*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, is proud to announce that Representatives Daniel T. Kildee (D-MI) and Brian K. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) have introduced one of the FOP's top legislative priorities, H.R. 1154, the "Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act."

"We're proud to partner with Representatives Kildee and Fitzpatrick on this important legislation," Canterbury said. "The ability to talk to your employer about workplace issues is a fundamental right of all American workers. The men and women in public safety, who put themselves in harm's way as part of their job, should have their rights recognized as well."

The bill will recognize the right of public safety employees to form and join unions, and bargain collectively with their employers. It is similar to legislation passed by the House of Representatives in July 2007, and a bill which nearly passed the Senate in 2010.

"Public safety employees—law enforcement and firefighters—are virtually the only class of workers left in the nation today who are denied the fundamental right to bargain collectively with their employers over wages, hours, and working conditions," Canterbury said. "We are going to change that starting today. Together with our partners at the International Association of Fire Fighters, we look forward to building support for this legislation in the days ahead."

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States with more than 345,000 members.