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COURT WILL NOT RE-HEAR UNION'S CASE: EARLIER DECISION WILL STAND FOR NOW

Patrick Yoes, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, said the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in the case of *American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO (AFGE) v. Donald J. Trump* to not re-hear the case should come as no surprise, but pledged that it would not deter the FOP from working to defend the rights of its members.

In July, the Court reversed last year's decision of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia which struck down three Executive orders, stating:

"...the district court lacked subject matter jurisdiction. The unions must pursue their claims through the scheme established by the Statute, which provides for administrative review by the FLRA followed by judicial review in the courts of appeals."

"The crux of the Appellate Court's decision was that all of the existing statutory and regulatory remedies had not been exhausted, suggesting that perhaps the union's lawsuit was premature," Yoes said. "We will continue to monitor this issue to make sure our member's rights are protected."

This ruling reinstated three executive orders that significantly weaken Federal unions, including FOP labor committees, by making it easier for managers to fire Federal employees, limiting the ability of Federal employees to weigh grievances, and ordering the renegotiation of collective bargaining agreements.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 349,000 members.