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## **FOP WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO DEFEND UNION RIGHTS FOLLOWING COURT**

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, said the recent ruling 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* would not deter the FOP from working to defend the rights of its members.

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 decision suggests that perhaps the union's lawsuit was premature," Canterbury said. "Existing law provides remedies and a process to ensure that our rights are protected and we need to use that first."

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 will continue to work for our members," Canterbury said.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 348,000 members.

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