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SUPREME COURT RULING WILL FORCE UNIONS TO PROVIDE FREE SERVICES TO NON-MEMBERS

FOP National President: We "Protect the Protectors"

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, expressed disappointment with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the case of *Janus v. AFSCME*. The court found for the plaintiff and ruled it was unconstitutional for public sector unions to collect "agency fees" from non-union members who benefit from the services the union provides.

"The Supreme Court's decision today is very disappointing," Canterbury said. "The Fraternal Order of Police represents law enforcement officers who have contracts with government agencies and we defend these brave officers against increasingly negative, vicious, and often violent detractors. In short, we protect the protectors."

In many States, a public employee can refuse membership in a union and avoid paying dues, but because they benefit from the services the union provides, like collective bargaining or legal defense, these non-members were charged agency fees to help defray the costs of these services. As a result of this morning's ruling, unions will no longer be able to charge non-members for the services they provide.

"Representing law enforcement officers is important work and it costs money. The good news is that the law enforcement community understands the value of our work on their behalf," Canterbury said. "We will work with our Lodges to ensure that our officers continue to enjoy the same work place protections as every American citizen is entitled to."

"The Fraternal Order of Police will continue to represent our members and will focus on providing the best quality service that we can," Canterbury continued. "We plan to work with others to develop and support legislation to address the inequities that this decision may create."

The National Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the country with over 335,000 members.