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The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard L. Blumenthal
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Toomey and Blumenthal,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for your bill, S. 479, the "Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act."

This legislation will provide additional protections for animals who are cruelly tortured in "crushing videos." Congress prohibited this practice in 1999 but the law was struck down by the Supreme Court, forcing Congress to pass new legislation in 2010 which prohibited the publication, sale and ownership of these horrific video recordings. This bill would create a new Federal penalty for those who engage in "animal crushing" as well as for those who create or distribute these awful films.

Our animal friends and companions do not deserve to be tortured and killed for the amusement of sick and twisted individuals and we support your efforts to criminalize these activities.

On behalf of the more than 348,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to offer our support for this legislation. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Executive Director, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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