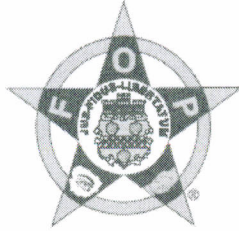


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The Honorable George Miller  
Chairman  
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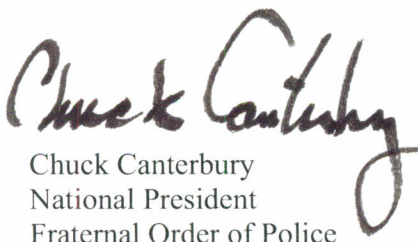
Dear Chairman Miller and Ranking Member McKeon:


On behalf of over 600,000 public safety officers across our Nation, we are writing to respectfully request that you approve the Kildee Substitute, and oppose any further amendments to H.R. 980, the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act, when it is considered before the Committee on Education and Labor.

The Kildee substitute is the result of bipartisan cooperation, and follows more than a decade of refinements and improvements to the Cooperation Act. We believe it strikes the proper balance between providing important protections to thousands of public safety officers, while respecting the rights of states to determine labor law for public employees. We fear further amendments would jeopardize the careful compromise that has garnered strong, bipartisan support.

Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of the nation's public safety officers. We look forward to working with you on this and other important issues in throughout the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

  
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