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The Honorable Virginia A. Foxx  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Robert C. Scott  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
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Dear Madam Chairman and Representative Scott,

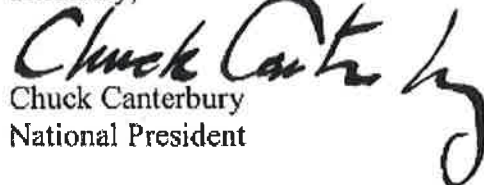
I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of the FOP's strong opposition to H.R. 785, the "Right-to-Work Act." This legislation was introduced by Representatives Steven A. King (R-IA) and Addison G. "Joe" Wilson, Sr. (R-SC), two self-described champions of States' rights who now seek to undermine those same rights which the authors of the Taft-Hartley Act revered.

The legislation is similar to a bill introduced in the previous Congress and which received no consideration by the House or any of its subcommittees. The premise of the bill is to limit and further erode the rights of employees to negotiate with their employer over wages, hours and working conditions. Collective bargaining has a long and strong history in our Republic and the FOP will not sit idly by and watch the rights of the American worker be further diluted.

The men and women of the Fraternal Order of Police, more than 330,000 strong, did not work as hard as they did to elect Donald J. Trump to the Presidency to risk the loss of their rights as employees. In fact, on the campaign trail, Mr. Trump was a strong proponent of States' rights and we look forward to working with this Administration and the pro-law enforcement Members of Congress to defeat this proposal and its Senate companion. I urge you to reject consideration of this legislation and other bills like it.

I thank you for your consideration of the views of my members. If I can be of any more help or provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Senior Advisor, Jim Pasco, in my Washington office.

Sincerely,

  
Chuck Canterbury  
National President

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