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Dear Senator (Last Name):

I am writing to urge you to oppose the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act (H.R.980/S.2123). The bill would allow an unprecedented intrusion into state and local governance by putting the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) in charge of deciding the scope of public safety collective bargaining.

Under the bill, the FLRA is charged with developing regulations and determining whether or not states are in substantial compliance. Even states that currently have collective bargaining laws will be affected. Not even the National Labor Relations Authority has the ability to develop substantive regulations governing private sector bargaining.

Federal law enforcement personnel, such as the Capitol Hill police, do not have the right to bargain over wages. Legislation that applies to state and local governments should be extended to cover federal government employees as well.

Finally, this bill amounts to an unfunded mandate on state and local governments and is likely unconstitutional under the Tenth Amendment.

** If you have any examples of how your state/locality would be affected, please include it here.

Thank you for your consideration. I strongly urge you to vote "no" on H.R. 980/S. 2123 at both the procedural and substantive stages.

Sincerely,

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