

Resolution #1

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROTECT OHIO POLICE INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the men and women serving as peace officers and public safety professionals across the State of Ohio perform their duties with honor, courage, and an unwavering commitment to protecting our communities, often at great personal risk; and

WHEREAS, the current environment for law enforcement professionals includes increasing personal liability, targeted political attacks, and a disturbing rise in violent assaults and ambushes on police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio calls on local and state leaders to take immediate action to support law enforcement and public safety. Our core demands are as follows:

1. **Enact local protections for law enforcement:** we urge municipalities to pass ordinances that safeguard officers and support them in the performance of their duties.
2. **Support officers:** We call on public officials to refrain from publicly criticizing officers who act within the scope of their training and responsibilities.
3. **Ensure community safety through bail practices:** Judges must set bail amounts that prioritize the safety of the community.
4. **Prosecute violent offenders to the full extent of the law:** We demand prosecutors stop offering lenient plea deals to violent criminals that result in their premature return to our communities.
5. **Strengthen penalties for violence against law enforcement:** We call on state legislatures to increase penalties for those who commit acts of violence against law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, if these demands are not addressed, the FOP of Ohio will take action in the following ways:

1. Accountability through public grading of elected officials on their record of supporting Ohio's law enforcement officers.
2. Political engagement and candidate recruitment for those committed to standing with law enforcement.
3. Mobilization and advocacy to ensure that public safety remains a top priority at the ballot box.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates to the 89th Annual Conference of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio formally support the Protect Ohio Police initiative and urge all elected officials, public administrators, and community leaders across Ohio to join us in defending the rights, dignity, and safety of those who serve and protect.

ADOPTED this ____ day of July, 2025, by unanimous vote of the delegates assembled at the 89th Annual Conference of the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio.

Submitted by:

The Executive Board

Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio