

July 8, 2010

Gentlemen,

As the National Fraternal Order of Police Labor Services Committee member assigned to your state, I would like to take this opportunity to request your assistance in lobbying for the passage of HR 413, The Public Employer Employee Cooperation Act, as well as preparing for its anticipated enactment.

The House of Representatives has passed HR 413 as an addendum to the supplemental appropriations bill. It is anticipated that the Senate will take up this issue upon returning from the July 4<sup>th</sup> recess. It is imperative that we contact the U.S. Senators from each of our states and request their support for this important piece of legislation.

Additionally, The NFOP Labor Services Division has developed a model of collective bargaining legislation for introduction at the local and state level, upon passage of the national bill. Furthermore, the Division is prepared to provide education, as well as professional assistance in organizing and administering the collective bargaining process. In order to accomplish this mission, we will need to establish a network of contacts within the states to facilitate an organized effort to provide these programs. Please take time to poll your members for individuals interested in taking an active part in this important process. Although some labor experience / training are preferable, it is not imperative. A willingness to learn and make a difference is most important. Upon identifying interested individuals, please forward their contact information to me for retention.

Finally, if any of you have concerns, questions, or suggestions; or if you have identified labor issues within your jurisdictions that you would like to have discussed during an upcoming meeting of the Labor Services Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,

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