THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COOPERATION ACT

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Despite the role that our public safety workers play in protecting our communities, many states do not offer these workers, including police officers, firefighters and EMS workers, adequate workforce protections.

The Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act will help fix that and give a voice to some of our most essential and vulnerable workers. Specifically, this legislation will ensure that public safety officers have the opportunity to organize, advocate for improvements in the workplace, and build better relationships with their employers.

BILL OVERVIEW

The bill requires the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) to determine whether states are adequately protecting public safety officers' ability to:

- Form or join a labor organization;
- Collectively bargain with their employers over hours, wages, and terms of conditions of employment; and
- Uphold existing labor agreements.

SUPPORTERS

- The House companion bill is led by Representatives Dan Kildee (D-MI) and Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN). There are currently 59 cosponsors [48 D; 11 R].
- The bill is also supported by: The Fraternal Order of Police, International Association of Firefighters, and the National Association of Police Organizations.

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