

Suggestion letter for family members of current employees to legislature:

DATE

NAME OF LEGISLATOR

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP

Dear (Senator/Representative) _____,

My (description of family member [i.e., father, mother, spouse, daughter, son, etc.]) is a dedicated Department of Public Safety (DPS) employee. He/She selflessly puts their lives on the line for our community. Law enforcement is a specialized profession that few qualify and are entrusted to perform. Therefore, I strongly oppose Senate bills 1484, 1485, 1486, and 1487. The generalized bills do not address the specific needs for those who provide police services.

Police work is an industry unlike anything in the private sector. Employees are asked to respond 24/7, often running into tragedy as others are fleeing from it. Let me firsthand describe the lifestyle of public safety employee's family. (Give a personal testimonial here. Have you had to go to great lengths hiding your identity or police position? Have family celebrations been impacted by DPS duties? Has a tragedy affected your loved one's sleep?)

Police associations, like the Arizona Highway Patrol Association (AHPA), provide an essential service to all DPS employees. It is assistance that the state cannot provide in order to safeguard my family. DPS personnel should be equipped with the resources they need to help them to do their jobs. When almost 100% of DPS employees are in a police union, there is obviously a tremendous need for associations (like AHPA) to help law enforcement do their jobs and protect the public.

When Arizona and the nation are seeing record numbers of police deaths and assaults, I would like to see more investments into increased police resources, hiring and maintaining more officers, and added protection to their livelihood. Broadly attacking public safety employees is unproductive. Legislators should be protecting law enforcement, not working against them.

As a taxpayer and constituent, I urge you to vote no on Senate bills 1484, 1485, 1486 and 1487. Public safety is specialized industry that should not be generalized with other professions. I encourage you to keep the integrity of police work by allowing law enforcement the resources they need.

Sincerely,

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EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER