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The Honorable John Eklund
Chairman, Committee on Judiciary
Senate
1 Capitol Square, Room 143
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. Eklund,

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio urges support of Senate Bill 31 which protects the confidential information of emergency services telecommunicators. It is unfortunate that a law is needed to protect our call takers and dispatchers. However, many times they are the first voice the public hears when law enforcement agencies are called. As such, they are often subject to threatening, abusive comments from disgruntled citizens. It only takes one of these disgruntled citizens to escalate from words to action. A simple anonymous request can give this person access to the call takers name and address and schedule. SB 31 will give these telecommunicators the protection they need to keep this information private adding a much needed level of security.

Sincerely,

Michael Weinman, Director
Government Affairs