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The Honorable Nathan Manning
Chairman, House Criminal Justice Committee
77 S. High St
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Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. Manning,

The FOP has chosen to support House Bill (HB) 137. The bill makes law enforcement officers mandatory reporters in the event of suspected abuse or neglect to children. The FOP feels that HB 137 will enhance the relationship our members already have with our respective county children service agencies. With HB 137, policies can be established with our member's agencies and the children service agencies when an officer suspects abuse or neglect, but doesn't have enough to support a criminal investigation. This should add to an important safety net for the children involved.

Respectfully,

Michael Weinman, Director
Government Affairs