

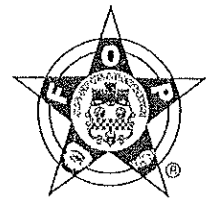


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Dear Representative Abrams:

The Cincinnati Police Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 69 is writing to express our support for House Bill 545 introduced by you a few weeks ago.

Research indicates law enforcement suffers from disproportionately high levels of depression, anxiety and PTSD compared to the general population. Due to the significant stigma around mental health, many first responders delay or avoid seeking treatment, resulting in difficulties personally and professionally. Wellness efforts within law enforcement agencies, such as embedded peer support systems, are integral to breaking down cultural barriers, raising mental health awareness, reducing mental illness, and ensuring officers have access to evidence-based mental health treatment programs.

This legislation provides structure for successful peer training, eliminates barriers agencies face when integrating wellness into their departments, and provides confidentiality protections critical to successful mental health support in law enforcement culture. House Bill 545 will ensure we are able to better address wellness with first responders, so they are better able to serve our communities.

Respectfully,

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