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## **ILFOP and ILFOP Labor Council Joint Message to Membership regarding so called “police reform” legislation, Senate Amendment Number Two to House Bill 163**

The so-called “police reform” legislation, Senate Amendment Number Two to House Bill 163, that was just introduced in the Illinois General Assembly, if passed, will mean the end of the law enforcement profession as we know it in Illinois. It is by far the worst thing to happen to our profession in the history of the IL Fraternal Order of Police and the IL Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council. It will burn our profession to the ground, forcing it to start over from scratch-which may be the very desire of those supporting this legislation. **Do nothing and your career in law enforcement, as you know it, will come to an end.**

Every one of us must enlist the help of our family, our friends, our colleagues, every citizen who supports law enforcement and literally everyone else we can think of and relentlessly contact the members of the General Assembly. We must let them know, over and over and over again, that this abomination of a bill will not only destroy the profession as we know it but will absolutely and almost immediately have serious, potentially deadly, consequences for the citizens of Illinois. **This is not police reform.** This is an attack on the law enforcement profession which will negatively impact the safety of the citizens throughout Illinois.

It is no exaggeration to say that our profession will live or die based on how quickly and vehemently **we** act to destroy this dangerous piece of legislation. Your livelihood, and ultimately the safety of the citizens we are sworn to protect, depend on it.

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