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FOP OPPOSES ISSUE 6 CASINO SCHEME

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio – the state’s largest law enforcement organization – announced today it will urge its members to vote “no” on Issue 6, the deceptive casino scheme on the November 4 ballot.

“While our organization does not oppose gaming in Ohio, we have serious concerns about the issue from a law enforcement standpoint,” said FOP Ohio President Nick DiMarco of the Garfield Heights Police Department. “We’re concerned that Issue 6 is deceptive, not well thought out, and does not address any of the law enforcement issues a huge casino would bring to the state.”

DiMarco said the FOP Ohio executive board particularly noted that Issue 6 has no provision for a crime impact study of the proposed casino, and provides no funding mechanism for law enforcement agencies. In addition, a major loophole in the language of the proposed Constitutional amendment would open a window for Indian casinos to locate in Ohio.

“We feel that Issue 6 is simply not the right way to address the question of expanded gaming in Ohio. Issue 6 is poorly written and, from a law enforcement standpoint, provides no accountability” DiMarco said. “We urge our more than 25,000 members, and all Ohioans throughout the state, to vote ‘no’ on Issue 6.

The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, Inc. is Ohio's largest law enforcement organization representing officers at the local, county, state and federal level. Chartered in 1934, the FOP of Ohio is a non-profit organization boasting a membership of over 25,000 with close to 200 local lodges. The FOP of Ohio is dedicated to the advancement and protection of law enforcement officers and their families.