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Governor Mike DeWine
Office of the Governor
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
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Dear Governor DeWine:

On behalf of the over 8,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. I would like to thank you for your leadership during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The leadership and guidance that you, along with Lt. Governor Husted and Director of Health Dr. Amy Acton, have shown is commendable and will certainly result in saving lives.

As the Executive Director of the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, I am extremely concerned about our members, who remain on the front lines of this pandemic. The FOP/OLC membership is made up of law enforcement officers, as well as other classifications of safety force personnel who are vital to the everyday functions of enforcing the law and the incarceration of offenders. The FOP/OLC believes it is in the best interest of public safety and the citizens of Ohio to provide priority testing for these individuals for COVID-19. These men and women are essential public employees who remain on the job, thereby greatly increasing their chances of contracting COVID-19.

On behalf of the members of the FOP, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., I respectfully request that you issue an Executive Order to the Ohio Department of Health stating that ***all safety forces personnel have access to priority testing for COVID-19.***

Our members are committed to staying the course serving and protecting the citizens of Ohio. Thank you for your governance and for protecting those who protect us.

Sincerely,

Gwen Callender
Executive Director
FOP, Ohio Labor Council, Inc.