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Dear Legislators,

Pennsylvania is known for its wild resources and we applaud your efforts to keep it that way. The legislature is in the process of taking much needed steps to further protect the interest of sportsmen across the state with House Bill 1859, an enhanced poacher penalty bill, and Senate Bill 1200, an interstate violator compact, both bills Conservation Police Officers Lodge fully supports. While these are very positive steps in the right direction to further protect our resources, some question the need for an enhanced penalty bill without adequate numbers of full time highly trained Conservation Police Officers to enforce the legislation. In order to maintain and recruit these officers it is imperative House Bill 1398, a correction to legislation allowing binding arbitration for Waterways Conservation Officers and House Bill 1513, heart and lung legislation (law enforcement severe injury legislation), also be moved in tandem with both House Bill 1859 and Senate Bill 1200. These bills will help ensure our Conservation Agencies have the legal tools and proper personnel to curb poaching as well as protect Pennsylvania's other sporting resources.

Sincerely,

Frank Dooley

President of the Pennsylvania Conservation Police Officers' Lodge 114 of the Fraternal Order of Police

About the PCPOL: The Pennsylvania Conservation Police Officers Lodge is comprised of Wildlife Conservation Officers employed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and Waterways Conservation Officers employed by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC). The 280 officers are members of FOP Lodge #114, one of the largest state lodges in Pennsylvania.