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The Laborers' Midwest Region has no objection to the overwhelming majority of the provisions included in HB 163. However, we are very concerned about and opposed to the inclusion of limitations on the collective bargaining rights of peace officers.

Among our 18,000 members, we represent several police and peace officer bargaining units. Limiting their right to full representation on workplace issues is unfair to them and sets a very dangerous precedent for all other state and local government employees.

We oppose any attempt to restrict the collective bargaining rights of any worker and, therefore, respectfully request the removal of any provision limiting the bargaining rights of peace officers from any legislation addressing the very important issue of criminal justice reform.