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Memorandum in Opposition

S8496 – Senator Bailey

A10611 – MoA O'Donnell

An act to amend the *civil rights* law and the public officers law, in relation to the disclosure of law enforcement disciplinary records; and to repeal section 50-a of the *civil rights* law relating thereto

OPPOSE!

This bill, which would take effect immediately upon its enactment, would repeal *Civil Rights* Law §50-a, stripping away the *civil rights* of complete classes of public employees, specifically police officers, firefighters and correction officers.

As you know, tens of thousands of these public employees rely on the *civil rights* established under this law and as such, the logic applied by the current legislators to unilaterally deny those *civil rights* merely to appease a popular agenda affects the safety and well being of our members.

Simply put, as our state and nation throng for reforms, this particular denial of already established *civil rights* is not the answer nor does it contribute in any way to better conditions for our citizens.

Therefore, The New York State Public Employee Conference, an umbrella organization comprising more than 80 unions and groups representing a wide spectrum of public employees, strongly opposes this legislation, and urges its defeat.

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Association of Supreme Court Reporters
Bridge & Tunnel Officers Benevolent Association
Bridge & Tunnel Superior Officers
Benevolent Association
Captains Endowment Association
Citywide Association of Law Assistants
Civil Service Coalition of
Building Trades and Municipal Unions
Correction Captains Association
Correction Officers Benevolent Association
Court Attorneys Association of the City Of New York
Court Officers Benevolent Association of
Nassau County
CWA AFL-CIO
CWA Local 1180
CWA Local 1182
Detectives Endowment Association
Detective Investigators Association
East Hampton Village PBA
I B E W Local 3
I B T Local 237
I U O E Local 15A-B-C-D
I U O E Local 30
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Lieutenants Benevolent Association
Local 372, DC 37
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MTA Commanding Officers Association
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NYS Court Clerks Association
NYS Court Officers Association
NYS Nurses Association
NYS Police Investigators Association
NYS Professional Fire Fighters Association
NYS Public Employees Federation, AFL-CIO
NYS Troopers PBA
NYS Supreme Court Officers
PBA of New York State Law Enforcement
Police Conference of New York
Port Authority Maintenance Supervisors Association
Port Authority PBA
Port Authority Police Detectives
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Social Services Employees Union Local 371
Southampton Town PBA
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Suffolk County Association of Municipal Employees
Suffolk County Correction Officers Association
Suffolk County Court Employees Association
Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs PBA
Suffolk County PBA
Suffolk County Police Superior Officers Association
Suffolk County Probation Officers Association
Suffolk Detectives Association
TWU Local 100
Uniformed EMS Officers Union
Uniform EMTs and Paramedics Local 2507
Uniformed Fire Alarm Dispatchers
Benevolent Association
Uniformed Firefighters Association
Uniformed Fire Officers Association
Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association
United Public Service Employees Association
United Service Workers Union Local 74
United Transit Leadership Organization
Westchester County Correction Officers Association
Yonkers Fire Fighters Local 628
Yonkers Uniformed Fire Officers Association