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Senator Wesley Meredith
Senator Eric Mansfield
NC Senate
16 West Jones Street, Room 2106
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Dear Senators Meredith and Mansfield:

We are writing to you regarding Senate Bill 939, Fayetteville Review Board.

As you know we represent thousands of law enforcement officers in North Carolina and have grown to become the largest law enforcement association of active duty law enforcement professionals in the state. We have been representing Fayetteville Police Officers since 1991. We have also been lobbying at the Legislature on behalf of members for over two (2) decades and have been pleased to report to our members the support that both of you have expressed for our law enforcement community.

It is in that regard and otherwise that we assume that you regard the elements of SB 939 as a local delegation request that has been requested as a measure to better serve Fayetteville citizens and the Fayetteville Police Department. Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth.

Some of the same local public officials that have requested the legislation have engaged in conduct against Fayetteville Police Officers that has not been enjoined by a Superior Court.

You should know that the Fayetteville City Council is not unanimous in asking for this legislation. Recent developments have also revealed that a false complaint of racism against a Fayetteville Police Officer and member of this association, may have been promulgated by some of the very individuals that some City of Fayetteville officials want to appoint to the citizens review committee if SB 939 were to pass into law.

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Additionally, a review committee as being contemplated by the City of Fayetteville has always resulted in serious obstruction of police operations. This most recently materialized in a recent NC Court of Appeals decision which struck down as unlawful, the very element that SB 939 would create. Please refer to the Winston-Salem Citizens Review Committee, In Re: Silk Plant Forest City Review Committee, 719 S.E. 2d 54 (NC App. 2011).

This association certainly supports professionally recognized measures to enhance and promote police and citizen cooperation and understanding. SB 939 is not such a measure, especially in light of the recent obstruction of justice and other unlawful allegations that have yet to be adjudicated in Fayetteville.

For these and other reasons, we respectfully request that you withdraw SB 939 from further consideration. Please refer to our letter to the Senate Local and State Government Committee for further information which we have attached.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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