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SENATE BILL 467
Judiciary Committee
Public Hearing: 3/23/16

TO: MEMBERS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
FROM: GLENN TERLECKI, PRESIDENT, CONNECTICUT POLICE & FIRE UNION
DATE: MARCH 23, 2016

OPPOSITION TO SECTION 1 OF SENATE BILL 467 –

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL IMPLEMENTATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS.

The Connecticut Police & Fire Union (CPFU) represents 900 men and women who protect our state buildings, colleges and human services facilities.

Connecticut state law under §5-278(a) states that state employees have the right to *“bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing on questions of wages, hours and other conditions of employment”* (emphasis added).

We Oppose Section 1 of Senate Bill 467 which takes away the right of law enforcement officers – including state law enforcement officers who protect people at state facilities – from collectively bargaining regarding the use of body-worn cameras.

We respectfully don’t understand why this proposal takes away our legal rights. We are not aware that any law enforcement officers in Connecticut have refused to wear body cameras or have refused to do their jobs. We should be able to negotiate with our state employers as to how and when we wear the cameras and how the cameras relate to the performance of our duties.

Please delete Section 1 of Senate Bill 467. Thank you.