



FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE

STATE LODGE OF MICHIGAN



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Dear Members of the Health Policy Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the more than 10,000 members of the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police to voice our support for SB 0333. This legislation takes an innovative approach using modern technology to solve the serious problem of obtaining Pseudoephedrine (PSE) to illegally produce and abuse methamphetamine.

Over the past few years we have had a drastic reduction in the number of officers on the street, we need tools that make enforcement easier and the facts on this e-tracking system show that it is working very effectively in over twelve other states.

Some elected officials have been working to mandate a doctor's prescription to obtain basic medicines that contain pseudoephedrine. In our opinion this will only increase the costs to honest law abiding citizens causing them to pay for doctor's visits as well as the prescription itself. Given the financial situation we find ourselves in, the last thing we need to do is to drive up the costs of health care.

For all of these reasons we support SB- 0333 and oppose any legislation that would require a prescription for PSE.

We strongly encourage you to support SB -0333 and give us an effective tool to help solve the meth problem that faces law enforcement across the state.

Sincerely,

John Buczek, Executive Director

Michigan Fraternal Order of Police