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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The 2018 session is underway. This is a short session year so things will move at a faster pace. There is much work to be done by March 14, 2018, the date set for final adjournment.

Attached you will find FOP Legislative Report #1, 2018. It includes bills filed as of today, January 5, 2018 that have been identified as being of particular interest to our members. Some on the list may appear not to pertain to law enforcement but they are bills that could become very important to us should they be amended to include law enforcement.

I will be adding additional bills as they are filed and identified as bills of interest. Each bill in the report has a brief synopsis, the latest action taken on it and a link to access the actual bill. Some will have comments about the bill included. Each subsequent report will follow the same format.

Please note SB075. This bill is hugely important and results from the hard work of our brothers and sisters in Terre Haute and Senator Jon Ford. See the comments for this bill in the Report attached. There are many, many rumors concerning this bill. Please understand that there are no amendments to it at this time. Additionally there are no bills to extinguish the DROP or cap the DROP amounts. The legislative process is long. We are fighting to get a hearing on this bill. If it does not get a hearing, it dies. Our ultimate goal is to get it passed into law. Realistically if we can get a hearing and get it recommended to the PMOC Summer Study Commission it at least keeps the conversation alive.

Please stay informed by reading our weekly reports distributed throughout the session. Feel free to contact President Owensby or me if you have any questions.

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