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Dear Members of the South Carolina Senate Finance Committee Sales & Income Tax Subcommittee,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express the strong support of the South Carolina Fraternal Order of Police for Senate Bill 969, which proposes amendments to the South Carolina Code of Laws, specifically Section 12-6-1140. This bill aims to enhance the subsistence deduction and volunteer exemption amounts for certain paid and unpaid public servants, including law enforcement officers and firefighters.

The proposed amendment seeks to increase the subsistence deduction amount for paid public servants, such as law enforcement officers and firefighters, from \$8 to \$16. Additionally, it suggests an increase in the volunteer exemption amount for unpaid public servants in these roles from \$3000 to \$6000.

Our organization believes that these adjustments are crucial in recognizing and appreciating the dedicated service of law enforcement officers and firefighters who selflessly protect and serve our communities. These men and women face unique challenges and dangers in their line of duty, and it is essential that their contributions are acknowledged and supported through legislation that directly impacts their financial well-being.

The Fraternal Order of Police in South Carolina has actively engaged in advocating for the rights and well-being of law enforcement professionals. We believe that the proposed amendments outlined in Senate Bill 969 align with our mission to enhance the working conditions of law enforcement officers and provide a united voice for South Carolina Law Enforcement.

We understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, but we also recognize the value of investing in those who safeguard our communities. The increased subsistence deduction and volunteer exemption amounts will undoubtedly contribute to the overall well-being and morale of our public servants.

As the President of the South Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, I urge you to consider and support Senate Bill 969, recognizing the positive impact it can have on the lives of law enforcement officers and firefighters in our state. Your support for this bill will demonstrate a commitment to the men and women who tirelessly serve our communities, ensuring they receive the recognition and support they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. We look forward to seeing the positive outcomes that Senate Bill 969 can bring to the dedicated public servants in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

John Blackmon
President