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The Honorable Brandon M. Newton, Chairman
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House Ways and Means Sales, Use, and Income Tax Legislative Subcommittee
South Carolina House of Representatives
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Dear Members of the Sales, Use, and Income Tax Legislative Subcommittee,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 969 and to respectfully request a favorable report from the Subcommittee.

Senate Bill 969, which has already passed the South Carolina Senate with bipartisan support, is a critical piece of legislation that aims to enhance the working conditions and recognize the sacrifices of our law enforcement officers. As the President of the South Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, I can attest to the importance of this bill in providing much-needed support to our law enforcement professionals.

The proposed amendments to the subsistence deduction and volunteer exemption outlined in Senate Bill 969 are essential for improving the financial stability and morale of our law enforcement officers. By increasing these deductions, we can better recognize the dedication and service of our officers who tirelessly work to keep our communities safe.

I kindly urge you to consider the significant impact that Senate Bill 969 will have on the lives of our law enforcement officers and their families. Your favorable report on this bill would demonstrate your commitment to supporting those who selflessly serve and protect our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I appreciate your consideration and support for Senate Bill 969.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Blackmon".

John Blackmon
President