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Senator John Blake
Room 17, East Wing
State Capitol
Harrisburg, 17120**

Dear Senator Blake:

This letter is intended, first, to thank you for introducing SB1085, the Evading Arrest Bill prompted by the death of Scranton Patrolman John Wilding. Secondly, our organization, Voices of JOE, would like to go on record offering our strong support to this bill.

It is the belief of the members of Voices of JOE, a law enforcement advocacy group, that getting this bill passed by the Senate and the House is truly a matter of both timing and consequence to the men and women of Pennsylvania's law enforcement organizations. Our reasons are these:

- 1. First, if ever there was a time that our officers need clarity and legal backing in making arrests it is now. Citizens resisting and evading arrest have been at the very heart of these contentious cases of police using deadly force. Clear direction is imperative for these officers.**
- 2. Due to some of the negative and undeserved press targeted at all police in general has had an impact on the morale of law enforcement officers. It is important that as these men and women go forth in harms way, they are assured that they have the backing of their legislators.**

We are hopeful that this bill will have bipartisan support and will pass the senate without opposition. Voices of JOE will continue to do our part in rallying support for SB1085. Thank you for all you are doing for law enforcement.

**Respectfully,
Don Williams
Don Williams, President
Voices of JOE**



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