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To All Wayne County Deputies:

Many of your current leaders are trying to paint the picture of POAM officials as fat cat Republicans. The truth is that we endorse candidates that support police - no matter what their political affiliation is. And because of that, POAM's endorsement is the most sought after by politicians.

Please review our selections for the 2006 campaign at www.poam.net. You will discover that we endorsed **42% of the Democratic candidates** running for state senate and **44%** vying for state representative seats. Any special interest group that exclusively endorses one political party can easily be taken for granted.

The best example for Wayne County Deputies is our bi-partisan influence on House Bill 6112. This legislation mandates compulsory arbitration for correction officers similar to, but improved upon, Act 312.

POAM and the Deputy Sheriffs Association of Michigan (DSAM) worked both sides of the aisle to get this legislation through the House earlier this year. Many Republicans took our advice and voted positively for the bill. POAM Executive Board members testified in Lansing on the importance of quality correction officers and the impact this bill will have on their profession. H.B. 6112 now proceeds to the Michigan Senate with Republicans holding a majority of the votes. Without POAM support, this bill would be dead on arrival.

This legislation is important to many Wayne County Deputies because your employer does not have to recognize compulsory arbitration privileges for correction officers. They have not objected in the past because there have been back door deals cut and they pummeled your attorneys in the last 312. Who wrote the vast majority of the language included in H.B. 6112? POAM General Counsel Frank Guido did.

The most powerful advocate for law enforcement officers in Lansing and Washington, D.C. is POAM.

Respectfully,

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