

Kansas State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police

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To the Citizens of the Great State of Kansas,

On behalf of its more than 3,000 members, The Kansas State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, is honored to endorse and support **Senator Laura Kelly** in her candidacy for Kansas Governor. The FOP is the largest and most influential law enforcement organization in Kansas and we believe that Laura Kelly is the right person to lead the future of our state.

Laura Kelly's unwavering support for law enforcement along with the working-class people is well established. Senator Kelly supports collective bargaining rights for all public safety employees, positive and sensible changes to the state workers' compensation laws, access to quality and affordable health care for our officers and their families and sensible pensions that allow law enforcement officers to retire after devoting their lives to the protection of others.

Laura has demonstrated a bipartisan approach to solving the problems that Kansans face. She is willing to work with anyone to find solutions. She is committed to putting others first - a true public servant. That's why she has been endorsed by former Republican Kansas Governor Bill Graves and US Senator Nancy Kassebaum.

Other candidates may talk about being tough on crime, but no one has been a better friend to law enforcement officers than Laura Kelly. She has not only sponsored and supported key legislation protecting law enforcement officers' workplace rights but she has supported tougher penalties for crimes against officers. Laura doesn't just talk about standing alongside us - she follows through with action. Police Officers need more than a pat on the back. We need someone who will put their nose to grindstone, and work to produce real results. There is only one candidate in the governor's race who has done so for years: Laura Kelly.

Kansas finds itself at a crossroads. Do we want more of the same or a new path to a better for tomorrow? Laura Kelly always puts people before party. Now more than ever, Laura Kelly is the leader we need. The Kansas Fraternal Order of Police strongly encourages those who support law enforcement and public safety to join us in electing Laura Kelly as our next Governor.

Sincerely, Blaine Dryden, President