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Dear Senator Smith:

On behalf of the more than 5,000 firefighters, EMTs and dispatchers we represent across the state, I am proud to announce that you have received the endorsement of the New Jersey State FMBA. Your endorsement was unanimous, hard earned, carefully considered and well deserved.

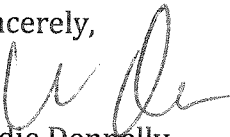
Your endorsement also represents much more than just a name on a press release or in an email. Our members that made these endorsements understand that this year, more than ever, we must back them up with boots on the ground and votes in the voting booth.

We know that you appreciate the hard work and commitment of our members to keep the communities we serve safe. Our endorsement of your candidacy is in recognition of this respect, and comes with the hope that as you head into a new legislative session, with a new governor, you will honor this commitment with your own to hear our voices, and to change course from the past eight years when first responders, public workers, and others have been portrayed as enemies of taxpayers.

The New Jersey State FMBA will continue to fight for legislation that keep our members safe and healthy, on the job and off. Whether it is efforts to give stakeholders a greater voice in how our pensions are managed, or to bring an end to the rhetoric suggesting that laying off firefighters is a viable option to solve the fiscal malpractice of the past, we are confident you will be on the side of what is right.

Congratulations again on this endorsement.

Sincerely,

  
Eddie Donnelly  
President