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Dear **Members** and **Friends**,

So much transpires in a given week, it is often difficult to know where to begin a newsletter for an organization concerned with our nation's well-being.

But related events, of tragic proportions, have focused our attention, once again, on the men and women in blue.

FROM FERGUSON TO PHILLY

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Delaware Valley Pro-Blue Rally, sponsored by the Independence Hall Foundation in January, 2015, honored local law enforcement, as well as slain NYPD Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu.

From **Ferguson to Philly**, local police departments have paid a heavy price, this past week, for protecting our **inalienable rights to life, liberty, and property**.

Since **Eric Holder and the US Department of Justice** issued their

stinging rebuke of the **Ferguson Police Department** on March 4, at **least four police officers in our nation have been shot**--two of them fatally--including Philadelphia Police Officer Robert Wilson (details below).

While we are not implying that Holder and the Justice Department are directly to blame for the shootings--the timeline would suggest that there is a correlation, especially in relation to the random shooting of two police officers in Ferguson, MO, just a few days ago. (Thankfully, both officers are expected to live.)

The **Obama Administration's recent thinly veiled attacks on police officers**, who have defended themselves against potential or actualized violent assault, has only increased the likelihood that the men and women in blue will become retaliative targets for those seeking vigilante justice.

The Administration's clear vote of no confidence for local police officers has also undermined, to a certain extent, their ability and confidence to defend themselves, and fellow officers, when the need arises, for fear that they will become subjects of interrogation and/or job loss.

No doubt, patrolling our communities has become a most complicated matter--a matter best handled by the citizenry through their local and state governments--not through the Justice Department and the federal government.

SENATE CONFIRMATION VOTE ON HOLDER'S REPLACEMENT
Coincidentally, and perhaps ironically, it is believed that the senate will hold a confirmation vote on Attorney General Eric Holder's replacement at Justice, **Loretta Lynch**, sometime next week.

Recently, on the **Dom Giordano Show** (M-F, 9-Noon, 1210 AM),

Senator

Pat Toomey proposed fighting **President**

Obama's sweeping **Executive**

Orders by defeating, in Senate confirmation votes, presidential nominees

who testify in support of such orders.

Trouble is, despite Ms. Lynch's stated support for the President's outrageous order on immigration--which is a clear usurpation of Congressional authority--Ms. Lynch received the votes of three Republicans in committee. **Senators Hatch, Graham, and Collins** voted to send her nomination to the floor.

Republican **Senator Flake** announced in favor of Ms. Lynch immediately after the committee vote.

Assuming all **46 Senate Democrats** support her nomination, Ms. Lynch has already amassed the votes of 50 Senators. Even if the remaining undecided Republicans (**Alexander, Ayotte, Capito, Corker, Kirk, and Portman**) refuse to back her, **Vice President Joe Biden** would cast the tie-breaking vote in her favor.

Democrats argue that the confirmation of Ms. Lynch as the first African-American female Attorney General would be an honor to the memory of those who lost their lives during the **historic Civil Rights March in Selma, AL, exactly 50 years ago** this month.

Contact Your Senators

If you wish to contact your two Senators--or any other Senator--regarding the **Lynch nomination vote**, please call the **Capitol Switchboard** at **202.224.3121** and ask to be connected to the appropriate office.

(We were startled to hear, on a local talk show during the **C-PAC Convention**, a local conservative spokesman pooh-poohing phone calls, emails, and letters to your Representatives as not being effective. That is completely untrue. Your voice, amplified by many, is a powerful weapon--so pick up the phone and call your Representatives!)

THE HEROISM OF OFFICER ROBERT WILSON III

<http://blog.phillypolice.com/2015/03/donate-to-the-family-of-officer-robert-wilson-iii/>

(Image of Officer Wilson courtesy of Philly Police Blog)

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