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Township Association Stands Firm in its Opposition to State Police Fees for Municipalities

In response to Gov. Tom Wolf's June 11 press conference, where he supported levying a fee on municipalities that rely on the Pennsylvania State Police for coverage, David M. Sanko, executive director of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, has released the following statement.

“All Pennsylvania residents pay state income tax to access State Police services. No one should be forced to pay twice. In fact, instead of looking for ways to collect more money, let's look at some ways to control costs. Period.

“Because the real crux of the issue is that local police services are prohibitively expensive. This is a direct result of collective bargaining and pension mandates from the state that inflate these costs beyond the reach of most communities, even those with a solid tax base. Rather than adding to the list of mandates – as HB 959 and SB 741 and their dear departed brethren have proposed – lawmakers should focus on making policing affordable for all communities, including those that have and need local police but are struggling under the financial burden to the point of becoming distressed.

“The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors does not support charging municipalities a fee for State Police coverage.”

PSATS is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member service organization, whose member townships represents 5.6 million Pennsylvanians, which is more residents than any other type of Pa. municipal government. Townships also cover 95 percent of the commonwealth's land mass.