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Dear Sirs:

Over the last few weeks, I have received a number of questions about recent changes to New Jersey's gun laws – and, specifically, whether those changes will affect the ability of law enforcement officers to carry firearms with large-capacity magazines.

Here is the short answer. As of today, while *on duty*, a LEO may carry a service weapon with a magazine of any size. While *off duty*, this bill allows a law enforcement officer to possess and carry a magazine capable of holding 17 rounds of ammunition or less. In addition, the bill allows an off-duty law enforcement officer to possess and carry a magazine capable of holding more than 17 rounds, provided it is used with the officer's service firearm issued by the officer's employer.

This afternoon, Governor Murphy signed Assembly Bill 4304/S2846 making these rules clear. I know there had been some confusion about whether the state's new 10-round magazine limit would apply to active law enforcement officers, and A4304/S2846 provides some much-needed clarification.

The Attorney General's Office worked closely with the state's police unions to ensure the passage of today's law, and I am particularly grateful for the efforts of FOP and the PBA. As I have stated to each of you, we are working hard to prioritize the needs and concerns of our law enforcement partners, and I look forward to working with you on other projects in the coming months and years.

Respectfully,

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