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Dear Fellow Officer,

They just won't let up. The consistently bankrupt print media in this City continues to viciously attack Philadelphia's Police.

These attacks continue, despite the fact that NOT ONE OFFICER was convicted, charged or even arrested for any of the false allegations hurled at them by a couple of unscrupulous Pulitzer Prize hunting reporters.

These vicious attacks are as outrageous as they are unfair. The media's warped position is that Police Officers have no rights. Unlike anyone else in society, they are guilty until proven innocent. When accused, they should receive NO protection, NO due process and NO recourse. They should be immediately punished regardless of how false or frivolous the accusations hurled against them are.

The media intentionally distracts attention from the shady practices used by the City to "settle" suits with politically connected law firms. Instead of looking into the murky world of lawyers and "settlements" which have NOTHING to do with guilt or innocence, it is easier to just blame the Police.

It is a basic principle of labor law that discipline must be fair and uniformly applied. The media wants you to believe that this does NOT apply to Police. According to them, we're not entitled to either fairness or due process.

All of these attacks are from an organization that has been repeatedly sued for false and malicious reporting. Yet they keep the number of these suits and the amount they have had to pay out A TOTAL SECRET. You don't have a right to know anything about that.

By now, you may be wondering why I am sending you a letter instead of responding directly to them. With the number of bankruptcies they have gone through, I wanted to be sure you'd see this letter. If I sent it to them, they may go out of business before it was printed.

Fraternally,

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