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TROOPERS ASSOCIATION PUZZLED BY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION FLIP FLOP

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The Michigan State Police Troopers Association (MSPTA) today called on the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA) to clarify their position on House Bill 4852.

Association president Mike Moorman stated "I can't understand why MSA Executive Director Terry Jungel and Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard are unable or unwilling to be upfront and plain spoken with the people of Michigan. Last week, Mike Bouchard said the Sheriffs' Association is opposed to House Bill 4852 because it is a new tax. Now, Terry Jungel is claiming that the Sheriff's Association is opposed to the bill because it hinders their ability to raise taxes. Perhaps Jungel is waffling because of the increasing number of sheriff's who support House Bill 4852."

Moorman further pointed out "This is just another shameful example of certain sheriffs putting politics ahead of public safety."

House Bill 4852 would add a surcharge to each phone bill to pay for public safety services at all levels of government.

The legislation is supported by the following statewide public safety groups:

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
Michigan Fire Chiefs Association
Michigan Association of Police Organizations
Michigan Fraternal Order of Police
Michigan Professional Firefighters Union
Michigan Fire Service Coalition