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MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION

An act to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to uniforms to be worn by members of the auxiliary police.

A2772 – Introduced by Member of the Assembly Wright

The New York State Association of Auxiliary Police, a fraternal organization representing over 7,000 volunteers in over 60 Law Enforcement agencies in the State of New York, strongly opposes this legislation which seeks to require the commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to facilitate the availability of distinct and easily identifiable uniforms for auxiliary police officers.

While the role of the Auxiliary Police Department (APD) is most distinct from that of the New York City Police Department, they are exposed to the same dangers and under equipped to protect themselves. Unlike New York Police Officers, who are well armed, those in the APD secure the streets of New York City with only a nightstick, handcuffs and a police radio.

While this legislation seeks to reduce the risks that auxiliary police are exposed to, it will actually increase the risk. The police commissioner has always had the right to direct what the uniforms of the Auxiliary Police looked like and chose to have the uniform similar to protect the officers. The wearing a noticeably different uniform would be equivalent to wearing a sign "FREE SHOT" with a target on their back.

Respectfully Submitted,

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