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You can do something about it!

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A compromise between the House and Senate on the state employee's salary issue came out yesterday. The Budget Chairmen of the House and Senate chose to **reward loyal state employees** with a **2% reduction in pay**. The 2% cut is to the annual base rate of salary and under no circumstances will the cut reduce an employee's salary below \$45,000.

Granted this only affects about 30% of our officers, but will you be next? Next year's projections are going to be as bad, if not worse, than this year. Will they lower the threshold for reductions to their original level of \$26,600? If so, that will take in the rest of us.

Are they forgetting that we are the officers who are protecting them from **thievery**? Are they forgetting that we are the officers they call upon when disasters and civil unrest threatens the citizens of Florida?

This 30% of our officers are the ones who have been in the trenches of Hurricane Andrew and all the hurricanes that have occurred since. They have stood in harm's way in the Liberty City Riots and all other large-scale civil unrest since.

These officers are knowledgeable and experienced and deserve respect, **not the dishonor of having their salary cut**.

The full Legislature will receive the budget by Tuesday, May 5th and it will be voted on Friday, May 8th. The next stop will be the Governor's desk. The Governor can make any deletions he sees fit with **LINE ITEM VETO**.

We ask you on behalf of all our officers to **CALL AND E-MAIL GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST!**

To reach him by phone, you may use our PBA Legislative Connection. Dial 1-800-733-3722, and during the message, dial ext. 8001. You will then be transferred to the Governor's Office. Or, you may e-mail the Governor at Charlie.Crist@MyFlorida.com. Tell him to veto the salary cuts!