

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2011-0085

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmembers Conwell, Rogers, Jones and Miller and County Executive FitzGerald</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> objecting to Senate Bill 5, which would sharply curtail collective bargaining rights of Ohio public employees, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, Senate Bill 5 (S.B. 5) recently introduced and passed out of the Ohio Senate, seeks to rewrite O.R.C. Chapter 4117, The Public Employee’s Collective Bargaining Act; and,

WHEREAS, as passed out of the Senate, S.B. 5 would sharply curtail the collective bargaining rights of all Ohio public employees and would eliminate the use of binding arbitration as an impasse resolution process in contract negotiations for public safety employees, including police officers and firefighters; and,

WHEREAS, this Council agrees that S.B. 5 is a direct attack on public-sector workers and will lead to lower wages and benefits that will hurt Ohio families; and,

WHEREAS, this Council believes that the serious budget crisis facing the state should not be used as an excuse to eliminate the long established collective bargaining rights of hard working public servants; and,

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County, the City of Cleveland, and many other local government jurisdictions have shown that a more effective way of addressing economic crisis is to openly engage workers and to clearly explain the crisis, while honoring union rights and respecting public servants; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County department.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That this Council hereby objects to Senate Bill 5 which would sharply curtail the collective bargaining rights of all Ohio public employees and would eliminate the use of binding arbitration as an impasse resolution process in contract negotiations for public safety employees, including police officers and firefighters.

**SECTION 2.** That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor John Kasich and all members of the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is hereby determined to be an emergency measure and that it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to continue the usual and daily operation of County departments, offices and agencies. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

**SECTION 4.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Conwell, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Gallagher, Conwell, Jones, Connally, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady and Germana

Nays: Schron

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County Council President

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Clerk of Council

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First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 8, 2011

Committee Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

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