

Fellow PBA Members,

It is with great pleasure and a sigh of temporary relief that I announce to you that after a fast and furious few days, our efforts to delay the implementation of the new IRS "Normal Retirement Age" regulations have been successful.

As stated on our website:

*"State PBA President Anthony Wieners has announced that New Jersey Congressman William Pascrell Jr., who has been working with the State PBA on this issue, has advised him that the IRS will be delaying the implementation of the new rule until 2011.*

*President Wieners wishes to thank Congressman Pascrell, who is a member of the Federal Committee on Ways and Means, for his non-stop effort in leading the charge to bring about this extension and protect our members. "Without this intervention by Congressman Pascrell, the welfare of our members and the Law Enforcement agencies they work for would be in serious jeopardy" President Wieners said today."*

While there were other organizations that voiced their protest over this matter, the work and progress that was made was due to the efforts of a few here in New Jersey. Led by the State PBA, the mission was accomplished in a matter of days. Our webpage has many of the communications that were sent posted there. Unfortunately, once again others are already lining up to take credit for our success. At the end of the day, what matters most is the fact that the extension was granted and Law Enforcement Unions across the Country will now have a shot at correcting this rule. However, without our interest in this matter, I fear it may have been overlooked until it was too late.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard at making this happen: first and foremost, Congressman Bill Pascrell, our good friend who ultimately was responsible for the extension; his Chief of Staff Ben Rich; our fellow union representatives from the FMBA, STFA, State Police NCO's; our Pension Trustees John Sierchio, Wayne Hall and Vince Foti;

our Director of Government Affairs Rob Nixon and all of our members who voiced their concern and support throughout the process.

Now the real work begins. We, along with other public safety groups, must dedicate our efforts to educating the IRS on our unique situation and make a permanent change in this rule.

Fraternally,

Anthony F. Wieners

State President