

# State of Connecticut

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Robert L. Tolomeo, President  
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CSEA/SEIU Local 2001  
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Dear President Tolomeo:

I am writing to clarify the position of the Office of Attorney General regarding the appeal of the arbitration decision concerning the unionization of lieutenants and captains within the Division of State Police.

As you know, I announced that I would not represent the State of Connecticut in this appeal as I believe opposition to the unionization of police lieutenants and captains is wrong as a matter of policy.

My office appeared on behalf of the state of Connecticut at a November 6 Superior Court hearing in this matter only because the office had filed an appearance with the court -- providing the Administration with time to seek other legal counsel -- temporarily making the office the sole attorney of record for the state. As such, the office was duty-bound, under court and ethical rules, to appear for the state on November 6.

On Thursday, November 8, my office withdrew its appearance so this unfortunate incident will not reoccur. I have spoken directly with Office of Policy and Management Secretary Robert Genuario and informed him that his office is now the legal representative for the state. He has retained outside counsel to represent the state.

I hope this letter clarifies the position of the Office of the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Blumenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive.

RICHARD BLUMENTHAL

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