Maryland Troopers Association

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The Order That Tried to Stop Us: Why MTA Is Standing Firm

Posted by the Maryland Troopers Association Board of Directors

Over the past several days, the Maryland Troopers Association has gone through a leadership transition that its members deserve to understand. This post explains what happened, who is now guiding the Association, and why MTA intends to keep doing its work.

First, the leadership picture. Lieutenant Michael Sekscinski, MTA's President, has temporarily stepped back from his duties as President. As Vice President, I will assumed the duties of the office on an acting basis. The Association's work for its members continues without interruption.

On October 21, 2026, the Department of State Police's Labor Relations Liaison sent an email to Lieutenant Sekscinski and copied several members of command staff. The email argues that MTA's activity may violate PER 14.01, and it directs Lieutenant Sekscinski to cease "any and all activity involving MTA." It warns that further activity will be treated as a violation.

The MTA believes that order is overbroad and likely unlawful. It doesn't identify any specific conduct by MTA or its officers. Its language reaches well past organizing, covering membership, dues, meetings, and member benefits. Under the Public Employee Relations Act, a public employer may not interfere with employees' rights or with the formation, existence, or administration of an employee organization. Public employees also have a constitutionally protected right to associate. Gathering showing-of-interest signatures is how employees choose their representative. Whether any violation has occurred is a question for the Public Employee Relations Board, not a directive issued to one member and copied up the chain of command.

MTA is an independent, voluntary association governed by its own bylaws. Its officers are elected by its members. An officer's rank in the Department doesn't change that, and it doesn't take away members' right to choose their leaders or to pursue representation.

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MTA has asked the Department in writing to reconsider the order, identify the conduct it believes is at issue, and respond by November 10, 2026. The Association would much prefer a resolution without litigation. But be assured, the MTA will take whatever steps necessary to advocate for, and protect its members.

MTA will not be deterred. Members have the right to organize, and MTA intends to defend that right.

On behalf of your Executive Board and Board of Directors,



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