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In "A Nation of Trentons" (June 24, National Review Online), the editors posit false assumptions about what the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act would do, apparently based on the activities of teacher unions and other (non-public safety) public employee unions.

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The Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act simply establishes a basic framework for states to use to grant first responders the right to sit down and talk with their employers regarding wages, hours and safe working conditions. It in no way forces public employers and state and local governments to accept public safety personnel offers nor does it allow for public safety employees to strike if their offers are not met. This legislation merely allows public safety unions to be recognized and provides an outlet for the rank-and-file - those officers on the streets putting their lives at risk each day to protect our communities – to come to management and sit down and discuss how best to do their jobs.

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The men and women who serve as public safety officers do so because they have a strong sense of civic duty and they take their duty to serve and protect very seriously. The heroic response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks provides one of the finest examples of the work of unionized public safety employees. Every single New York City police officer, Port Authority police officer and New York City fire fighter who died that day were union members. Given the location of your magazine's editorial offices, the editors might have done better to call to mind such an example of how unionized police and fire personnel actually serve and protect their communities, before smearing them with so broad a brush.

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