

# ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 193

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Condemns House of Representatives proposals to defund FBI and DOJ.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** condemning United States House of  
2 Representatives proposals that aim to defund FBI and DOJ.  
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4 **WHEREAS**, The House Judiciary Committee is considering  
5 recommending budget cuts to the FBI and DOJ, and the  
6 recommended budget cuts are to be implemented through the  
7 appropriations process to specifically defund the DOJ and FBI; and  
8 **WHEREAS**, For over 114 years, the FBI and its agents have risked their  
9 lives every day for the American people fighting against criminals  
10 and terrorist, foreign and domestic, across this great nation; and  
11 **WHEREAS**, The FBI is the lead federal agency responsible for  
12 investigating foreign and domestic terrorism, cybercrimes,  
13 espionage, civil rights, public corruption, and weapons of mass  
14 destruction in addition to playing a vital role in eliminating organized  
15 crime, combating violent crime and fighting white collar crime; and  
16 **WHEREAS**, The FBI has and continues to operate independently from  
17 Congress, which is one of several entities that have oversight  
18 responsibilities of the organization through a variety of Senate and  
19 House committees that review the FBI's budget appropriations,  
20 programs and selected investigations; and  
21 **WHEREAS**, The FBI and DOJ are not beholden to any president or  
22 administration; rather their duty is to the American people and  
23 upholding the Constitution; and  
24 **WHEREAS**, Regardless of the FBI's long history of independence and  
25 nonpartisanship, members of the majority party in the United States  
26 House of Representatives have expressed support for the defunding  
27 of the FBI and DOJ for political gain; and  
28 **WHEREAS**, Attacking the FBI and its values is an assault not only on  
29 the institution but also on American values and security; and  
30 **WHEREAS**, The DOJ and FBI are essential law enforcement agencies  
31 that aim to keep the United States safe from crime, terrorism, and  
32 foreign intelligence threats; and  
33 **WHEREAS**, Defunding the FBI and DOJ will have a negative impact on  
34 public safety by stripping the FBI and DOJ of essential resources that  
35 are needed to fight crime, terrorism, and foreign intelligence threats;  
36 and  
37 **WHEREAS**, The proposals to defund the FBI and DOJ being discussed  
38 in the House of Representatives put the safety and wellbeing of  
39 everyone living in the United States at risk from both domestic and  
40 foreign threats; and  
41 **WHEREAS**, It is in the public interest of the citizens of the State of New  
42 Jersey to condemn discussion of the proposals in the House of  
43 Representatives to defund the FBI and DOJ as it recklessly puts the  
44 safety and wellbeing of all of the people in the United States at risk;  
45 now, therefore,

1       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*  
2 *Jersey:*

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4       1. The General Assembly strongly condemns the United States  
5 House of Representatives proposals that aim to defund the FBI and  
6 DOJ.

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8       2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,  
9 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the  
10 Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of  
11 Representatives, and to each member of the United States Congress  
12 elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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17       This resolution condemns the United States House of  
18 Representatives proposals to defund the FBI and DOJ. Members of  
19 the majority party in the United States House of Representatives have  
20 expressed support for the defunding of the FBI and DOJ. The DOJ  
21 and FBI are essential law enforcement agencies that aim to keep the  
22 United States safe from crime, terrorism, and foreign intelligence  
23 threats. For over 114 years, the FBI and its agents have risked their  
24 lives every day for the American people fighting against criminals  
25 and terrorist, foreign and domestic, across this great nation.  
26 Defunding the FBI and DOJ will have a negative impact on public  
27 safety, by stripping the FBI and DOJ of essential resources that are  
28 needed to fight crime, terrorism, and foreign intelligence threats. The  
29 FBI has and continues to operate independently from Congress,  
30 which is one of several entities that have oversight responsibilities of  
31 the organization through a variety of Senate and House committees  
32 that review the FBI's budget appropriations, programs and selected  
33 investigations. The FBI and DOJ are not beholden to any president  
34 or administration; rather their duty is to the American people and  
35 upholding the Constitution.

36       Attacking the FBI and its values is an assault not only on the  
37 institution but also on American values and security. The proposals  
38 to defund the FBI and DOJ being discussed in the House of  
39 Representatives put the safety and wellbeing of everyone living in  
40 the United States at risk from both domestic and foreign threats. It  
41 is in the public interest of the citizens of the State of New Jersey to  
42 condemn the House Representatives proposals to defund the FBI and  
43 DOJ as they recklessly put the safety and wellbeing of all of the  
44 people in the Unites States at risk.