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Attorney General Frosh's Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31*

BALTIMORE, MD (June 27, 2018) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today released the following statement on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31*.

"In Janus v. AFSCME Council 31, the Supreme Court has again overruled decades of settled law to undermine critical protections for working families who have suffered from stagnant wages and a rising cost of living for many years.

"Teachers, firefighters, police officers and other public employees are indispensable in every community in our nation. Their compensation, job stability and pensions no longer reflect the respect they deserve from all of us who benefit from their services, and they are instead under constant siege.

"All public employees benefit when unions represent them in collective bargaining, and it is the fair, reasonable, and longstanding rule of law that all those who benefit share in the cost. Today's decision will diminish the ability of unions to continue improving the lives of their members and those of their co-workers as well.

"Our office will continue to stand up for middle class, working families. We will continue to fight for fair treatment, living wages, health care and safe working conditions for all Marylanders."

Janus v. AFSCME Council 31 involved public employees who are not union members paying fees to support the cost of representation during collective bargaining. The union fees, in addition to member dues, are used to represent all employees, not just union members.