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Honorable Aaron Michlewitz
Committee on Ways and Means
State House Room 243
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Honorable Claire Cronin
Committee on Judiciary
State House Room 136
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Dear Chair Aaron Michlewitz and Chair Claire Cronin,

Please accept my testimony below with regards to SB2820 - An Act to Reform Police Standards and shift resources to build a more equitable, fair and just commonwealth that values Black lives and communities of color.

I endorse both the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police and Massachusetts Police Association opinion regarding this legislation.

Finding qualified candidates for law enforcement is a problem that exists today for police departments and one that has been an issue for many years. This legislation with the qualified immunity language and without the careful thoughtful input from law enforcement will only make it more difficult to secure qualified candidates for employment in the law enforcement profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my concerns with this legislation. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional input.

Respectfully submitted,

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