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Via e-mail to: Testimony.HWMJudiciary@mahouse.gov

Re: Concerns to Senate 2820 as Amended

Dear Chairwoman Cronin and Chairman Michlewitz;

Please accept the following testimony with regard 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.

First, let me say thank you for taking the time to ask for and receive comment and input on this very important matter at hand. I know that you have a difficult but important job ahead of you and I hope that my input, as well as input from other members of the community will help you as you work to craft quality legislation that will help to better our commonwealth.

Over the past few days, I have had the opportunity to speak with Senator Mark Pacheco and Representative Susan Williams-Gifford on this matter. Additionally, Chairwoman Cronin you took the time to participate in a zoom meeting with the executive board of the Southeastern Mass Police Chiefs Association, which I was able to be a part of and am grateful that you gave us some time to be heard. As the Chief of a small police department, I have also heard the comments and concerns of my officers. There is much to be considered in a very short period of time.

I understand that you will receive a great deal of information relative to this bill. In an effort to value your time and not to be repetitive, I would like to ask that you please consider the letters that both the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and the Southeastern Massachusetts Police Chief's Association have submitted with regard to Senate 2820. The points made in each letter have been well thought out by people with many years of experience in the law enforcement profession.

In my current capacity, I am responsible for some of the finest men and women in law enforcement in Massachusetts. I know them all and they are all highly dedicated to the principles of protecting and serving every member of our community and this commonwealth. Every day they come to work prepared to protect the rights and lives of everyone. Please keep them in mind, as well as all of the citizens of the state as you move forward with this process.

Sincerely,

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