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RE: Senate 2820 as amended

Dear Chair Aaron Michlewitz and Chair Claire Cronin,

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.

I echo the sentiment of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police and I encourage everyone in the Legislature to use common sense, rather than a feverish need to do "something", when voting on this bill. Punishing Police Officers here in Massachusetts for a despicable act that occurred halfway across the country is misguided and disheartening to the dedicated members of law enforcement who serve our communities with dignity and respect.

Respectfully,

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