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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.*

As the Chief of Police for the Town of Petersham, I would like to express to you that I endorse the Mass Chiefs opinion of the Senate Bill 2820.

In the Town of Petersham our officers are dedicated and committed to embrace the challenges that lay ahead. We understand that there are some things that do need to change and we ask that you carefully consider how any new legislature will affect both the larger cities and the small communities such as Petersham when finalizing this bill.

Respectfully,

Richard D. Cooley Jr.  
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