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To: JUD testimony

Greetings to the Judicial Committee members,

Let me preface my testimony by stating that I had very short notice of this session. If my testimony is not germane please forgive it on this basis however it is relevant perhaps to other applications.

1. Generally unhappy that the bill is being rushed in Special Session.

2. General disagreement that the bill distributes all the responsibility to be placed on police departments. The Legislative Research document did not contain any general education for the citizen public in regards to why we have police departments and responsibilities of citizens.

A logical direction of legislation is to help all people. Again, this draft appears to scrutinize police members activities in detail. Those that don't recognize good citizenship could use a civics class.

3. In reviewing the section #5-6 of OLR Analysis of Crowd Management, I couldn't find the correlation in the Draft, however it appears that most of the members of POST, DESPP etc are appointed by the governor. I find that very biased and decisions easily politically tainted.

Respectfully,

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