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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.

First let me thank you for your service and allowing me to submit this testimony. As a member of the Law Enforcement Community in Massachusetts for more than twenty years, I am letting you know that I stand against S2820 as re-written and presented to the House. There are several impacts of SB2800 / SB 2820 that will be completely detrimental to Law Enforcement.

I support uniform training standards and policies for police although this version of the bill as written will undermine Public Safety and limit the ability of Police officers to do their jobs. The Senate's push to get this through without a public hearing or input is unprofessional and disheartening at the least.

Massachusetts police officers are some of the most highly educated and professionally trained members of law enforcement in the country. I agree that there is more work that needs to be

done when it comes to creating standardized police training nationally but this Bill as presented is not the way get that started. The board created in this bill is unlike any of the other regulatory boards in the state. As written, there is no feasible way the board can provide regulatory due process. The proposed members lack sufficient experience in law enforcement and should not be creating policies and standards relative to such. Qualified immunity is not in place to protect bad police officers, and never has been. The overwhelming majority of officers do what is right and this version of the bill lumps all police officers into the same category of bad police officers, who would not be protected by qualified immunity anyways.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DW', is written over the printed name 'Chief Denise Wickland'.

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