



# Yarmouth Police Department

*Excellence in Policing*

**Frank G. Frederickson**  
Chief of Police

Dear Chair Aaron Michlewitz and Chair Claire Cronin,

I have been a Police Officer for more than 40 years. I am also the son and father of a Police Officer. Over the past few weeks I have been working with Law Enforcement professionals and community members trying to make sense of SB2820. I know you have probably received many a large amount of written testimony so I will keep it short.

As written, SB2820 will be disastrous to the safety and security all communities across Massachusetts. No educated Police Officer would perform the necessary duties in order to keep our communities safe. "Tinkering" with qualified immunity would have the desired effect of removing Police from our communities which I can tell you is NOT what the vast majority want. The risk of being personally liable for performing their job and within training and procedures is too much for those who already perform amazingly well in the risky situations.

We want to have a bill that produces the best policing in the country! Exposing Officers to personal liability as written in this bill will do the opposite and turn Massachusetts in to a near lawless state where criminals and others such a drunk drivers will be allowed to operate freely to the detriment to our community members.

Respectfully,

Chief Frank G. Frederickson