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TIMOTHY LABRIE
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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”.

I agree with the MA Chiefs of Police assessment and concerns in regards to SB2820. My officers are extremely concerned that this bill will make them prone to frivolous civil liability suits if they alter the long standing qualified immunity clause.

I believe that there is always room for improving police accountability and training, but respectfully request that the house not rush into passing police reform legislation without properly analyzing, discussing and hearing from all parties concerning this legislation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Walter J. Warchol".

Walter J. Warchol
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