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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure: SB779

Members of the Committee:

I strongly oppose SB 779. As a small business owner in a community that's struggling to maintain police department staffing levels, this bill would be a yet another road block to properly staff our local department. I also don't see any data associated with this bill, showing any evidence that a higher educated sworn officer is more of a value than the current standard. This bill would be a great dis-service to many young men and women that for whatever reason, choose not to pursue a higher college education. Outside of the shrinking of the hiring pool of possible candidates, this bill is certainly not equitable with respect to those who decide whether to pursue post High School degrees. I again ask where the data is that demonstrates that those with post high school degrees would make better officers. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully,

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