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Chairs Winfield and Stafstrom, Vice Chairs Kasser and Blumenthal, Ranking Members Kissel and Fishbein, and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) would like to express its **support for HB 6462 AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF FORCE BY A PEACE OFFICER.** The CPCA represents every police chief, from larger cities to rural towns in Connecticut. There are certain issues consistent throughout policing that each department encounters, and use of force is one of them. The potential for use of force affects every officer in every department in the State.

This bill provides important changes to Public Act 20-1 of the July special session which we, as law enforcement executives, believe are necessary to allow for the standardized training of officers. The new language creates a standard that allows officers to apply a consistent application of the law in order to protect themselves and others.

Connecticut law enforcement continues to be a model for the rest of the nation. Our Police Officer Standards and Training is among the best in the nation, as we look to consistently provide the best training for our officers. We would like to thank the Judiciary Committee for raising this subject for a public hearing.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony, and look forward to answering any questions you might have regarding this bill during our testimony at the public hearing.