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## **HB 5528 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

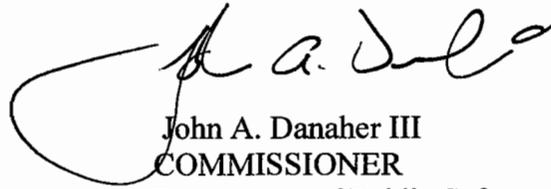
***The Department of Public Safety expresses concerns about effect of  
current language of bill.***

The Department of Public Safety is concerned about the language in section 4 of Raised Bill 5528 "An Act Concerning the Freedom of Information Act." As written, it would strip the protection currently afforded public employees in positions whose residential addresses are protected under section 1-217 of the Connecticut General Statutes. By limiting protection of this information to that held by the employer only, the residential addresses of police officers, firefighters and other protected groups would become public information if held by another agency. Residential addresses of state employees are held by a variety of public agencies, including the Office of the State Comptroller, the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of State Ethics. Data bases of state-issued professional licenses and certifications also contain residential addresses of public employees, state and local.

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The Department of Public Safety would support this bill if it is amended to restore protections currently provided by existing statute.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. A. Danaher III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" that loops around the first part of the name.

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