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TO: Senator Stillman
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Public Safety and Security Committee

FROM: Alfred J. Goldberg
First Selectman
Town of Madison

RE: Bill # 6454 – An Act Concerning the Certification of a Chief of Police

DATE: February 24, 2009

The Madison Police Department has been in turmoil for years. Madison's citizens have been forced to witness an unprecedented crisis, striking a powerful blow to the fabric of our community. At times, we feel that we are under siege by wayward police officers.

- Ten police officers are no longer with us.
- The Connecticut State Police are pursuing several active investigations of the Police Department.
- There is no way to yet know the extent of the wrongdoing.

Yet, we have begun to rally. A strong, effective Board of Police Commissioners is now in place, and has taken vigorous steps to root out and deal with a dysfunctional culture. The Board of Selectmen has provided strong, bi-partisan support to the Commissioners.

After an extended period of strife, the turn-around has begun. One of the key steps was securing the services of Robert Nolan, a career police officer who rose through the ranks to eventually serve as the Chief of Police in Hamden. Bob was lured out of retirement to step in to help us out in Madison.

Bob has brought us what this community so desperately needs at this moment:

- A wealth of experience in leading and managing
- A steadying influence to younger officers and to the community
- A role model of professionalism and community service

Madison needs Bob Nolan for a short while longer while we continue the painful process of getting our police house in order. We ask that you allow us to finish.