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Testimony in support of:

Raised Bill No. 986 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF A POLICE OFFICER'S ADDRESS ON A TOWN'S GRAND LIST.

Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

Our municipal and state police officers deal with a broad range of citizens in the performance of their duty to protect and serve. In many cases, police are required to investigate individuals of questionable character who may be intent on, and have the means of creating grievous harm to the officer. If this intent is not accomplished during a one to one confrontation, it is not beyond reason to suspect that someone would seek out the officer and/or family of the officer to do harm.

Raised Bill No. 986 would provide that the residential address of a sworn member of a municipal police department or a sworn member of the Division of State Police would be exempt from publication on a grand list. This provision would provide some protection for the police officers and their families.

Our police officers and their families should not be exposed to potential danger and harm by a person or persons who would seek them out at home. Council 15 represents four thousand police officers and their families, and we support *Raised Bill No. 986*.