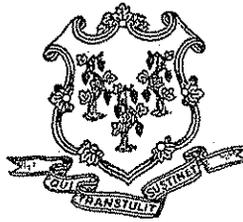


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Good Morning Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee. I would like to express my support for SB 418, AN ACT CONCERNING RECERTIFICATION OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS. I believe that retired police officers should be allowed to maintain their Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) certification at their own expense. This would allow the retired officers to apply for positions of Police Chief or Assistant Police Chief or to re-enter law enforcement in a different venue after retirement without requiring them to go through a re-certification process.

Under federal law, a "qualified retired law enforcement officer" is permitted, with certain exceptions, to carry a concealed firearm in any jurisdiction in the United States, regardless of any state or local law to the contrary. 18 U.S. Code 926C.

In addition to increasing the opportunities for retired officers, SB 418 in combination with the federal law would allow any police department in the state, in a time of emergency, to utilize these officers in an official capacity. In order to maintain certification, retired officers would have to take, at their own expense, all the required courses through POST. This change would benefit both the retired officer and the State of Connecticut. Thank you.