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## **Testimony to the Joint Committee on Public Health, March 16, 2015**

Senator Gerrantana, Representative Ritter and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on Public Health. The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association represent the interests of Connecticut's municipal and university police chiefs and respectfully submits to you this testimony regarding HB 6863.

### **Raised Bill 6863 – An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Ordinances Related to Public Health and Welfare.**

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association respectfully **OPPOSES** Raised Bill 6863 – *An Act Concerning the Enforcement of Ordinances Related to Public Health and Welfare.*

Connecticut's statutes already describe and limit a police officer's authority to make arrests beyond the limits of their geographical border. A town's local ordinances are only valid within that particular town. If there is an occasion when an officer attempts to enforce one town's ordinance in another town, then there is already a process in place for an aggrieved party to take action.

In this day of decreasing resources and a continued drive for regionalized efforts, the legislature should not be taking a position that attempts to further restrict law enforcement's ability to travel across borders to investigate crimes or violations and further protect our communities.

The emotional enactment of legislation in response to an isolated incident is not good policy and does not provide stakeholders the opportunity to explore the many implications of such a change.

We urge the Committee to take no action on the proposed bill.