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Testimony to the Program Review and Investigation Committee

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The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association

Good Morning members of the Program Review and Investigation Committee.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) supports **S.B. No. 974 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE USE OF DRONES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND OTHER STATE EMPLOYEES.**

However, CPCA is concerned with only being allowed to operate an unmanned aerial vehicle to a total of 24 hours within a 30 day period under reasonable and articulable suspicion. As a result, we are requesting that the hours be increased to 30 hours within a 30 day period. In addition, we are opposed to destroying information within a 48 hour period and ask that this also be extended to a 30 day period. We are also requesting that in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association be involved in developing and providing guidelines on the destruction, modification and retention of information collected by the operation of an unmanned aerial vehicle by a law enforcement agency.

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) supports **S.B. No. 971 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL USE OF DRONES.**

While we feel that there may be statute(s) to address certain improper (criminal) use of an unmanned aerial vehicle, we support making this clearly understood both for the public, as well as for law enforcement officers that if this proposal was to pass, improper use, as stated within would be illegal.

Therefore, CPCA encourages the Program Review and Investigation Committee to **support these bills.**