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Public Safety and Security Committee
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5106 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF
RESIDENT STATE POLICE OFFICERS

Dear Senator Larson, Representative Dargan, Senator Guglielmo, Representative Zupkus, and
members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 5106, which is meant to
reimburse towns for the cost incurred when the resident state trooper provides services outside of
the municipality. Towns and cities in the state which are using State Troopers for law
enforcements are currently facing huge cost increases for these services. The latest projections
are showing that the cost of fringe benefits will match the cost of salary. Within a very short
period of time many towns may have to make the choice between either eliminating their own
police department to cover the costs or do away with the resident trooper.

The intent of this proposal is to make the cost of State Troopers reasonable to municipalities.
This legislation proposes to only pay the troopers for the hours they work, which will be based
on a 40 hour week with no overtime. During the work week, when State Troopers leave the
municipality to support another area, that time and all other expenses, such as fees and overtime,
will be charged back to the State for services rendered. Simply stated the municipalities will
only pay for services provided within the defined areas of the cities and towns.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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