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Senator Larson, Representative Dargan, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security. I am Matthew Reed, Chief of Police of the South Windsor Police Department, and I respectfully submit this testimony in support of SB 1013.

**Proposed S.B. 1013 – An Act Concerning Campus Safety and Security at Manchester Community College**

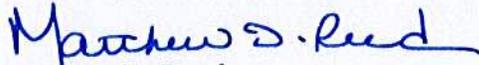
I am writing to voice my **SUPPORT** for this proposal to establish a special police force for the campus of Manchester Community College. I was both a student and adjunct instructor at MCC and am well aware of the benefits a dedicated MCC Police Department would bring to the campus.

MCC is one of the state's largest community colleges with more than 200 faculty members providing service to 15,000 students annually.

The campus is comprised of multiple buildings and parking lots surrounded by quite neighborhoods and forested land. As with any college campus, the constituents are best served by a police agency that is familiar with the needs of a higher education community.

Empowering the college to hire, train and deploy their own police department will provide the MCC community with the optimal level of public safety and protection.

Respectfully,

  
Matthew D. Reed  
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