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To:  
the distinguished Members of the Public Safety Committee  
Chairman Senator Timothy Larson  
Chairman Representative Stephen Dargan

I respectfully request that your committee **NOT PASS** house bill #5406 out of committee. As a Past Fire Chief of the Derby Fire Department, Past President of the Connecticut State Firefighter's Association and a Retired Police Officer after 30 years of service I can not support this bill. I find that it will be a detriment not only to the fire service; but also to the safety and well being of the citizens and drivers on our Connecticut roads.

There are already laws and statutes in place that govern the use of blue lights by emergency responders. These have effective for many years. To change or amend these would make no sense at all and also cause much confusion as to who is actually a first responder to what service (ie Fire Department, EMS, Public Service, etc.)

I thank you for your anticipated support in this effort.

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