

# POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF CT

---

Representing 2,000 police officers in 20 municipal police unions across Connecticut

GAE COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

## PLEASE SUPPORT **RB 5176** -- AN ACT PROTECTING MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Members of the GAE Committee:

The Police Officers Association of Connecticut (**POACT**) respectfully asks for your support of **RB 5176**.

**POACT** is a Police Association of 20 municipal unions across the State of CT, representing over 2,000 individual police officers.

Every day our police officers are the subject of FOI requests, not necessarily because of a law or public policy being studied, but instead because of the challenging jobs that our officers perform every day, sometimes with controversial interactions with members of the public. Many such FOI requests are simply fishing expeditions for personal information about the police officers; and some are intended to harass police officers and their families. There is no public policy reason for any member of the public to know the home address, age or other personal information of a police officer or member of his or her family.

We believe in the Freedom of Information laws, but they must be administered in way so as to advance public policy and matters in the public concern, rather than to allow vexatious injuries and release of personal information which could potentially put our public safety officers and their families at risk.

There is nothing of “public concern” relating to the personal voter information of a family members of police officers.

**Accordingly, we are respectfully requesting you to Support RB 5176.**

Thank you.

Contacts: Attorney Patti Shea  
Attorney Bob Shea

[www.poact.org](http://www.poact.org)

