

Testimony regarding SB 556

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Re: Senate Bill #556

Dear Planning and Development Committee,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill #556. I know from first hand experience how devastating it is when you are physically unable to do the job you are trained for. Our public servants, whether they are police, fire fighters, or teachers, should be treated with respect and dignity. We, the public, are responsible to ensure they are protected financially, when they risk their lives to protect us.

Phillip Roselle, a 30-year veteran of the Norwalk Police Department has been dealing with severe medical issues since another officer accidentally shot him during training session at a gun range in September 2017. The Norwalk community supports Phil, and is rallying for this legislation.

This bill is not only the right thing for all public safety employees in Connecticut, but it is also the right thing for Norwalk Officer Phillip Roselle. I urge your support and thank you for your attention to this important issue and your commitment to all Connecticut employees.

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