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Chairman Winfield, Chairman Stafstrom and Members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Brian Anderson. I am a legislative coordinator for Council 4 AFSCME. Our union represents more than 2,000 Connecticut municipal police officers.

Our union supports H.B. 6455, AN ACT CONCERNING IMPEDING OR OBSTRUCTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND INTERFERENCE WITH OR ASSAULT UPON A STATE CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER.

This bill ensures that assaulting a state capitol police officer is a serious offense. The penalty for doing so in the bill will serve as a deterrent to those who may be considering assaulting such an officer. This bill makes a whole community statement that we value the rule of law under the golden dome and that the sort of assaults that have taken place at our US Capitol and in other state capitols will not be countenance in Connecticut.

State capitol officers have shown great professionalism, patience, understanding and respect for the public over the years. It is important for the whole of the public to protect these officers. This bill does so.

Thank you for your consideration.