

House Government Operations Committee

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to follow up to my earlier email about H.765. I have reviewed the rewrite and still have concerns that I want to share with you.

With the proposed three tier system for law enforcement authority and certification, I respectfully request that you please include a grandfather clause so that current part-time certified officers do not become unnecessarily restricted with a lesser level of police authority.

I work for a municipal agency and as recently as last night was assigned to respond to a possible burglary in progress. Under the terms of the three tier system, I could no longer investigate felony crimes and other tasks yet to be determined by the VCJTC.

This means I could potentially not be able to do my job which I have been certified to do for 19 years in the State of Vermont. At least allow those of us doing the job to continue without a negative consequence to this change.

Thanks for your consideration.

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