

Committee: Please read Rick's email.  
Denise: Please post.

Thanks to all

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**From:** Maida Townsend  
**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 4:32 PM  
**To:** Gauthier, Richard  
**Subject:** Re: H.12 Language

Got it, and will share with the committee!! Glad you caught that.

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**From:** Gauthier, Richard <[Richard.Gauthier@vermont.gov](mailto:Richard.Gauthier@vermont.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 2, 2018 2:11:09 PM  
**To:** Maida Townsend  
**Subject:** H.12 Language

Good afternoon,

I was discussing the Purpose Area #1 language with my directors and realized I missed something in my testimony; accordingly, I'd like to request that the committee consider a revision.

The committee broke the purpose area out into two components, the first being my ability to designate staff members holding Level III certification as law enforcement officers, and the second putting those so designated into Group C. When I originally proposed changing the language in Sec. 6 from 'law enforcement duties' to 'requiring Level III certification as a condition of employment', that deliberately and specifically exempted both the Director of Administration and me from being eligible for Group C retirement. Though the idea of Group C eligibility is going off to a study, the phrase "as a condition of employment" was carried over to the language allowing me to designate staff members as law enforcement officers. I had missed the implication of this until I was talking to my Director of Administration this morning, and it suddenly dawned on me that he and I, both holding Level III certification, would, under the proposed language, still have to maintain an affiliation with an outside law enforcement agency to maintain our law enforcement authority.

I hate to ask the committee to reconsider yet again, but I would request that you strike the phrase "as a condition of employment" in order to allow us to maintain our authority without being under the umbrella of an outside agency, for all the same reasons that made sense to do so for the training coordinators. Again, my apologies for missing this last week. Thank you for your consideration.

Rick

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