

Good Afternoon Senate Education Committee members and Washington County delegation,

On Tuesday, February 16th, Barre City Council voted in favor of the attached resolution. Resolution 2021-05 was in response to S.63, an act relating to the prohibition of school resource officers. At the meeting, Barre Unified Union School District school board member Giuliano Cecchinelli spoke of the positive impact of the SRO position in the Barre City Elementary/Middle School as did residents that were present. The following link also has positive comments related to the position from school staff in our local paper, the Times Argus: [Barre school resource officer a 'disarming presence' | Local News | timesargus.com](#). Personally, I served 7 years on the BCEMS Board, 5 years with the Supervisory Union Board, and 1 year at the High School, where I can also note that these positions have had a positive impact.

The City of Barre is an employer of these positions and City Council believes that the ability to have these positions should remain a discussion between the schools and the municipalities. Barre City Council respectfully urges you to not support S.63.

Thank you,

Lucas Herring
Mayor, City of Barre