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RE: H1578 An Act relative to assault and battery upon public employees
DT: 9 September 2015

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee the Judiciary,

Thank you for hearing *H1578, An Act relative to assault and battery upon public employees* before your committee on July 14th of this year.

This bill would increase the penalties for assaulting a public employee from imprisonment between 90 days - 2.5 years or a fine ranging from \$500 - \$5,000 to 2.5 years – 5 years of a fine from \$1,000 - \$10,000. By increasing the minimum prison time or fine for an assault on a public employee it would show that the Commonwealth respects and values its workers who are responsible for implementing policy—sometimes unpopular ones.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1578, An Act relative to assault and battery upon public employees* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux