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RE: H2137 An Act to establish a pilot grant program using 'Emotional CPR' to decrease hostilities between police and citizens
DT: 3 February 2016

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security,

Thank you for considering *H2137, An Act to establish a pilot grant program using 'Emotional CPR' to decrease hostilities between police and citizens* before your committee on February 4th

This bill would create a pilot program that would administer grants to local police departments to undergo training in emotional CPR (eCPR). This is a public health program that teaches law enforcement how to recognize and assist someone undergoing an emotional crisis by connecting with them, empowering them and revitalizing them. This is a de-escalation technique that should be available to law enforcement throughout the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H2137, An Act to establish a pilot grant program using 'Emotional CPR' to decrease hostilities between police and citizens* released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

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

Paul Heroux