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To,
The Honorable Representative O'Brien
Room #35 Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903
Regarding: **HB 5765**

Dear Representative O'Brien,

I am writing to you in support of RI Probation & Parole Officer's inclusion on HB 5765. I became a state employee in 1993, as a DCYF SCWII. In 2005, I transferred to Probation & Parole, where I continue to date. I supervise a specialized caseload of sex offenders who have committed sexual crimes over the internet. These computer crimes, carry significant penalties and enhanced conditions of probation, that require intensive supervision.

Much of my work involves extensive networking and direct field work with other public safety entities which include, but is not limited to, RISP, local law enforcement across the state of RI, the US Marshal Service, Federal Probation, RI Sex Offender registration program, Offender Watch, DCYF, RI Sheriffs, and statewide Judiciary, only to name a few. In addition to face-to-face contacts with offenders, we conduct highly coordinated, unannounced, sex offender sweeps across RI, in the effort to monitor compliance with Probation & Parole expectations, but also to ensure public safety. We participate in training at the police academy facilities within the state, training new recruits both on Probation & Parole expectations and procedures; but also, real-time role-playing life like scenarios during their tactical training.

May of this year will mark twenty years (20) of my dedication supervising sex offenders. It is very challenging work, that comes with significant responsibility. Ensuring public safety, preventing victimization and ultimately reducing recidivism. I strongly believe that my work, and the work of all RIPPA members, uphold and exemplify the definition public safety; 'the protection and welfare of the general public', and I do so proudly.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

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