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Dear Rep. Justine Caldwell and Sen. Bridget Valverde,

As a constituent and resident of East Greenwich, I am writing to express my strong support for RI 2026 H7546, the "Peace Officer Definition Expansion (DCYF)" bill. I believe this legislation is crucial for the safety and well-being of our community, particularly for vulnerable populations. By expanding the definition of peace officers to include DCYF juvenile workers, we can ensure they have the necessary authority to protect themselves and the children they serve. This is especially important in situations where they may encounter hostile or violent individuals. I have seen firsthand the dedication and compassion of DCYF workers in our community, and I believe this bill will enable them to do their jobs more effectively. I urge you to vote yes on H7546. Thank you for your time and service, Jonathan Newkirk