



MASSACHUSETTS COALITION OF POLICE

"The Only Union for Law Enforcement Officers"

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Dear Honorable Members of the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives,

The Massachusetts Coalition of Police has filed several bills this session and look forward to working with the members of the Senate and House to turn these bills into law. Three of the bills that we are highlighting and requesting your co-sponsorship are the Blue Star Family Registration Plate Bill (**HD 1341**), Flags for Fallen Public Service Bill (**HD 1344**), and the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Fund (**HD 2612**).

These bills have been filed by Representative Thomas Walsh and are of minimal cost to the Commonwealth. Two are bills that we hope are not utilized very often, if ever, as they activate upon the death of a Massachusetts Police Officer or Firefighter, but reality is that we are living in a difficult time where death of law enforcement personnel has become more prevalent. We have also added firefighters to the Flags for Public Service Bill because they should be recognized at their funerals by the Commonwealth in the same manner as police officers if killed in the line of duty. The third is to fund the memorial for the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

These bills go a long way in recognizing the sacrifice that our police officers and firefighters have made, as well as the sacrifice that their families must make so that our public safety personnel can protect us every day.

Please contact Andrew Arnotis, Legislative Aide for Representative Thomas P. Walsh, 12th Essex District, Room 276, 617-722-2676 ext.7115 to co-sponsor these important bills that recognize and honor the police officers, firefighters, and families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Sincerely,

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