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My name is Chief John Kilbride from the Falmouth Police Department. I want to extend my support for LD 1078 "An Act To Promote Traffic Safety in Emergency Situations".

The change in the law will allow traffic safety officers no longer affiliated or meeting the requirements within their local fire departments to come under the authority of the local police chief and be utilized for traffic management during critical and emergency situations.

Small communities such as Falmouth having limited police officers on duty, struggle to manage critical scene commitments and traffic management. Utilizing traffic safety officers at crash investigations, or weather events is invaluable releasing police officer to address priority issues.

These traffic safety units operate throughout the state under the sole authority of the fire chiefs, and personnel must be active members of the fire department. Some of these seasoned veterans can no longer meet the rigorous demands of being an active firefighter but serve very well in traffic management assignments. The change in LD 1078 would allow by law, these individuals to continue to serve under the authority of the chief law enforcement officer.

I request your support in LD1078 and thank you for your service.

Respectfully,

Chief John Kilbride
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