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The Honorable Denise Merrill
Secretary of State
30 Trinity Street
Hartford, CT 06106

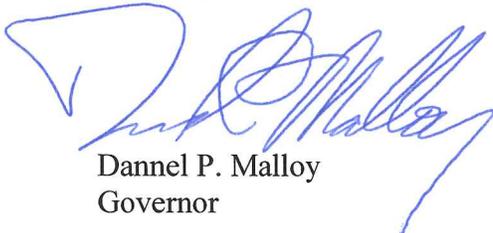
Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, Senate Bill 426, *An Act Concerning Payment of the Costs of Certification for a Police Officer*. This bill requires any police department that hires an officer from another department within two years after the officer is certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) to reimburse the initial hiring department the total cost of certification.

I am sympathetic to towns' legitimate interest in protecting their investment after paying for the cost of police officer training. On the other hand, I am concerned that imposing a two year limitation, as required by this bill, may unduly constrain police officers' professional mobility. Further consideration is warranted to determine the appropriate balance between these competing interests.

For these reasons, I disapprove of Senate Bill 426, *An Act Concerning Payment of the Costs of Certification for a Police Officer*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning substitute Senate Bill 426 without my signature.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor