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*Via Electronic Mail*

The Hon. Michael D. Brady, Chair  
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**Re: House 2546, An Act to Exempt the Executive Director of the Municipal Police Training Committee from Earnings Limitations**

Dear Chair Brady and Chair Gordon:

As your committee considers House 2546, *An Act to Exempt the Executive Director of the Municipal Police Training Committee from Earnings Limitations*, I write to express my strong opposition to the bill. House 2546 circumvents the principle of the Return-to-Work law, specifically that a public employee should not receive both a full salary and a full pension from public bodies simultaneously.

Creating an exemption for a specific, full-time position from a law that applies to all other public employees is especially concerning. This would be the only individual position exempted from these caps; all other positions exempted under the current law apply to a class of employees. To that end, I oppose this legislation and have opposed similar iterations of this language in an outside section of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject changes to the post-retirement rules that appear to be contrary to the purpose of a public pension.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 617-722-8806 or [Jeffrey.S.Shapiro@mass.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.S.Shapiro@mass.gov) or Joshua Giles, Director of Policy and Government, at 617-722-8828 or [Joshua.Giles@mass.gov](mailto:Joshua.Giles@mass.gov). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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