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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I am hereby returning to you for amendment Senate Bill No. 2221, entitled "An Act Establishing A Municipal Police Training Committee."

This legislation is intended to restructure the membership and administration of the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council and to rename this body the "Municipal Police Training Committee." I understand that the purpose of this legislation is to increase the representation of police chiefs on the Council in order to afford them greater input into the training of municipal police officers. Although I am supportive of this goal, I also believe that it is important to have other members of the criminal justice community involved in the development and approval of the training curriculum for police officers. I therefore recommend that the representation of municipal police chiefs be increased on the Council, while maintaining a fair representation of other members with experience in criminal justice who will make a valuable contribution to the Council.

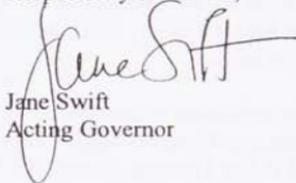
Accordingly, I recommend that Senate Bill No. 2221 be amended by striking out all the text after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following text:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 116 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 116. There shall be a Massachusetts criminal justice training council, hereinafter called the council, within the executive office of public safety, to consist of the following 19 members: the secretary of public safety, the personnel administrator, the colonel of the state police, the police commissioner of the city of Boston, the executive director of the committee on criminal justice, the attorney general, the chair of the parole board, or their respective designees, and 12 members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be an administrator of a city or town, five of whom shall be chiefs of police, including three selected from a list of six nominees submitted by the board of

directors of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, one of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Police Association selected from two nominees submitted by the board of directors of said association, one of whom shall be a sheriff, two of whom shall be district attorneys, one of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Police Training Officers Association selected from two nominees submitted by the board of directors of said association, and one of whom shall be a member of the committee for public council services. The following nine persons shall act in an advisory capacity but shall have no vote: the commissioner of correction, the commissioner of the department of youth services, the commissioner of probation, the administrative justice for the district court, the administrative justice of the trial court, the special agent in charge of the Boston office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, if consent is given by the director of said bureau, the commissioner of education, the chairman of the criminal law committee of the Massachusetts Bar Association, or their respective designees, and a clerk of the superior court who shall be appointed by the governor. The chairman of the council shall be designated from time to time by the governor. The members appointed by the governor shall serve for terms of two years. Upon expiration of the term of a member, his successor shall be appointed, in the same manner, for a like term.

Respectfully submitted,



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