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Senate Bill 396 – Public Safety Officer – Performance of Duties – Death and Disability Benefits

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Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chairman Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to strongly endorse the passage of Senate Bill 396. What this bill will do is it will incorporate 911 specialists to become members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System. The bill will also alter the circumstances under which certain individuals are presumed to have died as a direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the performance of duties for purposes of eligibility for death benefits.

Our 911 specialists and dispatchers are integral to our emergency services, and they are the true first responders when the call is made, and information is provided. For everything they do, deserve to be a part of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System. Families left behind in the unfortunate events of death also deserve the benefits brought forth in this bill.

I thank you for your time and I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay
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