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***TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL 351***  
***DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE –***  
***RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS***  
***JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE***  
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Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 351 simply alters the mandate that State Troopers live within the State, and it changes that to mandate that they live either within the State or within 25 miles of the State border.

Making this simple change would provide existing officers with the benefit of flexibility to best meet their personal needs and the needs of their families while at the same time providing the Department with clear recruitment and retention benefits.

As someone who both spent the majority of his professional career in the public safety field, and as someone who personally directed an agency, I know firsthand the challenges of recruiting and retaining officers as well as the necessity of finding ways to increase the appeal of service within our region. I believe this legislation a clear means to that end.

**For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 351.**