

Dear Senator West,

On behalf of the Essex Middle River Civic Council, I am writing in strong support of Senate Bill 0030, the Senate companion to the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge property tax relief legislation.

The FOP Lodge serves as a vital public safety and community institution within our region. It functions not only as a gathering place for law enforcement officers and their families, but also as a venue for community meetings, charitable events, and public safety outreach. These facilities play an important role in strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Rising property taxes place a significant financial burden on these lodges, diverting limited resources away from their core mission of supporting officers and providing community services. SB 0030 would offer reasonable and targeted relief, helping ensure these important institutions can remain open, stable, and focused on public safety and community engagement.

The Essex Middle River Civic Council respectfully urges your favorable consideration of SB 0030 and appreciates your continued leadership in supporting the men and women who protect and serve our communities.

Sincerely,

Josh Sines
President
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