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Press Release

Police Chief Signs Letter Opposing the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act

(Westport, CT) Today, December 8, 2017, Police Chief Foti Koskinas signed a letter written by law enforcement personnel which opposes the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38/S. 446). The bill, which is now being considered in Congress, would force Connecticut police departments to honor the concealed carry weapons permit from every state. This means that those with a pistol permit are free to cross state lines with a firearm on their person. Chief Koskinas said, "This is very dangerous for the public and our officers. Here in Connecticut we require in depth background checks and firearms safety training. We would now be forced to allow individuals to carry guns from states that may not employ these rigorous requirements." Our Police Chiefs are in a unique position to inform Congress about this dangerous threat to our officers and to public safety. We hope these concerns are taken seriously by our elected officials when voting on this bill.

Photograph attached: Chief Koskinas is joined by Chief MacNamara from Fairfield PD as they sign the letter earlier today.

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