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Written Testimony in Support Of:

S.B. No. 341 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FALLEN OFFICER FUND

Senator Gaston, Representative Boyd, Senator Cicarella, Representative Howard, and members of the Public Safety Committee:

I am here today to voice my support for S.B. No. 341, An Act Establishing A Fallen Officer Fund. Thanks to Governor Lamont and members of the Legislature, the FY 2024 - 2025 Budget allocated \$500,000 in each year to the Office of the State Comptroller's Operating Expenses account to create the Fallen Officer Fund.

S.B. No. 341 will codify the policy created by my office to administer and distribute these funds consistent with legislative intent into law. The Fallen Officer Fund will provide a one-time lump sum of \$100,000 paid to the surviving family or beneficiary of any Connecticut police officer killed in the line of duty, or who sustained injuries that were the direct and proximate cause of such officer's death.

The bill ensures that the payment is not taxable under state law nor be reduced or offset due to other benefits that may be awarded to families, such as financial assistance provided through the Police Association of Connecticut.

As the son and brother of police officers, I am truly honored to have worked with Representative Candelora and our partners in law enforcement to establish the Fallen Officer Fund to support the families of Connecticut police officers or state troopers killed in the line of duty.

I urge your support of this legislation so we can continue to provide this benefit to the loved ones of our fallen officers.

All the best,



Sean Scanlon
State Comptroller