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**RE: 550 CMR 6.00: Use of Force by Law Enforcement Officers
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Dear Deputy General Counsel Melander,

I am writing in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association and do so on behalf of the fourteen Massachusetts Sheriffs.

The Massachusetts Sheriffs and their respective Offices appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding the proposed MPTC Use of Force Regulations for Law Enforcement Officers, 550 CMR 6 and 555 CMR 6. Please see and consider the attached red-lined recommendations and comments in the Use of Force Regulations as our formal written testimony.

The Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association and the fourteen Sheriffs of the Commonwealth appreciate the collaboration with the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) and the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POSTC). We hope our recommendations will be received favorably and adopted.

We look forward to a continued strong and collaborative working relationship.

On behalf of the Sheriffs of the Commonwealth, I thank you for your time and consideration of our written testimony.

Respectfully,

Carrie Hill
Executive Director

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