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Dear Secretary Camcho-Welch,

My name is Mark Deuer and I am the Chairman of the Police Chiefs Association of Essex County. Part of the mission of the Association is to secure by all proper and legal methods legislation and governmental action for the protective welfare of the public. It is in this spirit that I am supporting PSE&G's Clean Energy Future filing with the Board of Public Utilities.

A component of the larger filing includes the replacement of current streetlights with LED lights. LED lights provide many benefits to the community and residents. LED's will provide brighter light that covers more area, resulting in safer communities and the potential for reduced crime. Another benefit are the longer life of LEDs compared to the current high pressure sodium lights. The less frequent need for replacements results in less frequent reports of streetlights being out completely. It has been shown that crime occurs more frequently in dimly lit areas – LED lights will reduce those opportunities for crime.

I urge the Board to pass PSE&G's request and allow communities statewide to benefit from the LED streetlight program. Please do not overlook the safety element that widespread LED streetlight usage will provide.

Thank You,

Mark Deuer,
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