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PRESS RELEASE

TO: ALL MEDIA OUTLETS

FR: LT. CHRISTOPHER S. RYAN, COMMISSIONER

RE: MASSACHUSETTS QUALIFIED IMMUNITY COMMISSION

The following is the official Press Release of the New England Police Benevolent Association, (New England PBA) the largest all exclusive law enforcement labor organization in the New England region, representing well over 200 law enforcement agencies.

New England PBA President Christopher S. Ryan is an active law enforcement professional with the Massachusetts Port Authority Police Department. Lt. Ryan was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker as a Commissioner on the Qualified Immunity Commission.

According to Commissioner Ryan, *"The majority of the commission voted to recommend a two-year review of the implementation and administration of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020 (commonly known as Police Reform Law) before recommending any changes to the qualified immunity doctrine."* Commissioner Ryan further stated, *"This will give appropriate time to fully implement the reforms, then analyze and measure the impact they have made in the Commonwealth."*

More importantly, Commissioner Ryan was a vocal critic of amending the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act stating, *"As far as amending the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act, I voted against those recommendations due to it being outside the scope of this commission. Furthermore, the potential financial consequences and impact to our municipalities, as well as the increased work load to our already overworked court system will undoubtable have significant impact to the taxpayers of the Commonwealth. This issue needs to be studied and vetted accordingly with further input and appropriate notice to the general public."*

