

December 7, 2018

Hon. Carl Heastie
New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building, Room 932
Albany, NY 12248

Hon. Joseph Lentol
New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building, Room 632
Albany, NY 12248

Re: A5600, a bill in relation to on-duty auxiliary police officers

Dear Speaker Heastie and Assemblymember Lentol:

I am writing to express my strong support for A5600, a bill introduced by Assemblymember David Weprin to amend the New York State Penal Law. This amendment would classify an assault against an on-duty auxiliary police officer as a felony.

I agree with Assemblymember Weprin that on-duty auxiliary police officers deserve the same protections that are offered to many other public servants, including police, correction and court officers.

These volunteers help protect not only Staten Island, but each and every borough in the City of New York. Any law enforcement officer that puts on a uniform becomes a threat – and a target – to those who choose to commit crimes. Without question, these brave and civic-minded individuals merit the passage of this bill.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,


James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island

