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Joseph P. Lopes, MBA
Councillor Ward Six
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February 25, 2019

Senator Mark C.W. Montigny
State House – Room 312 - C
Boston, MA 01233

Dear Senator Montigny:

I am writing to add my support to **House Bill 986 – An Act regarding Pay Parity for the Correctional Officers of the fourteen County Sheriff's Offices.**

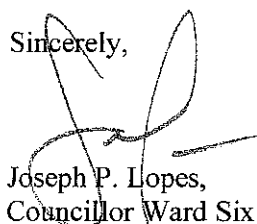
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I am therefore, urging legislative action to close the pay gap once and for all for those men and women employed as Correctional Officers in Bristol County.

The passage of **House Bill 986 – An Act regarding Pay Parity for the Correctional Officers of the fourteen County Sheriff's Offices** guaranteeing pay equality should absolutely be signed into law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Representative Christopher Hendricks
State House – Room B1
Boston, MA 01233

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Representative Antonio F.D. Cabral
State House – Room 466
Boston, MA 01233

Dear Representative Cabral:

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Representative Christopher M. Markey
State House – Room 527A
Boston, MA 01233

Dear Representative Markey:

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Representative William M. Straus
State House – Room 134
Boston, MA 01233

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Representative Paul A. Schmid, III
State House – Room 473F
Boston, MA 01233

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