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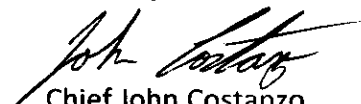
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Subject: **Kendra's Law**

The Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association joins law enforcement officials from across New York State in support of making Kendra's Law (New York Mental Hygiene Law §9.60) permanent. There is over-whelming evidence that Kendra's Law has been effective in providing greater care for patients, reducing public and private costs associated with the lack of proper treatment and diminishing involvement of law enforcement personnel. Under the law, our communities are much safer because those who need outpatient assistance are getting the supervised services that they require. The law has helped alleviate the 'revolving door' of patients, particularly those with a propensity for violence who fail to comply with their prescribed treatment. The success of Kendra's Law has significantly helped many patients while diverting them from the criminal justice system. Studies in New York show greater patient satisfaction, reduced violence and improved mental health outcomes.

Again, please make Kendra's Law permanent.

Sincerely,


Chief John Costanzo
President