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In response to the recent request by the East Haven Board of Police Commissioners to terminate Chief Leonard Gallo, Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr. released the following statement:

“After consultation with legal counsel for the Town, I have decided that it is in the best interest of the Town of East Haven that the Town decline to terminate Chief Gallo's employment. The statutory requirements to terminate a Chief of Police, along with the legal costs of the likely litigation in response to a decision to terminate, weigh heavily in favor of accepting the Chief's retirement as opposed to terminating his employment. This decision is both legally prudent and financially sound and represents a swift resolution that will allow the Town to focus on healing and moving forward.