

My name Chris Bakula I live in New Hartford, CT. I am against LCO #3471. I believe that being an officer in today's world is hard enough. Officers should be held against charges should it be a circumstance of gross negligence as I am sure any officer would agree. However in intense situations decisions must be made however grim the outcome. Officers have to live with those decisions day in and day out which is no easy task even for our highly skilled military personnel. I believe the answer for the current turmoil with the public and officers is to toughen the selection process during hiring, increase initial and ongoing training, and include retired officers with Situational experience as there is no substitute for experience. The cities and states who hire these officers must stand with their officers or all hope will be lost. It is truly a thankless job, but with all community support removed the answer will be clear to all officers that there is nothing left they can give.