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Written testimony concerning the proposed Policy Reform Bill

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I'm very disappointed and concerned that changes are being made to our policy departments in the state of CT because we have given in to the Mob. We are giving in because of the riots, I mean protests, intimidation and violence. We should not give in; they are in the minority in respect to making changes.

I understand the concern over the incident with George Floyd, we all agree that was unnecessary and should never happen again. But this does not mean all cops are bad. We need to stop vilifying the police, they are not the enemy. They deserve more respect than what they receive. Since when is it okay to resist arrest and fight a cop, we all know this never ends well.

We can't forget police are people too, how many of us have to wear a bullet proof vest to work? How many of us are not sure if you'll come home from work each day? How do you think they feel knowing that some people in the communities they serve do not respect them and wish harm against them? Actually, some cops believe they have a bull's eye on their back. And to top it off, we have leaders that are now taking sides with the BLM movement and support defunding and dismantling the police. This is all because a few bad apples in another part of the country?

Making changes to our policy departments in CT or anywhere in the country for that matter is unnecessary, I know the majority of the public in CT is not in favor of this bill. We want more police protection and funding not less. We want them to have military style, bigger, stronger weapons than the bad guys.

My concern is that you are going to cause many early retirements and deter new recruits. Because who's going to want to be a cop?

And, I don't want our communities to become more violent than they already are. If Black Lives really mattered than more police would be welcomed. As you know many more black people are killed by black people. Some of these neighborhoods are dangerous. That has to change!

Many of us are afraid to speak out against the BLM movement, because once you do you are called a racist. What happen to our 1st amendment right? Of course, black lives matter, but the cops are not the enemy.

How's this bill going to make a difference in every black person's life? It's not, because most black people in CT are law abiding, good people. Unfortunately, they have bad apples living in their communities committing most of the problems, selling drugs and shooting each other. And, these bad apples are every color under the sun. These bad apples are why we need the police.

Ask your constituents at the ballot box. The majority of CT residents want no changes with the police.

WE are the silent majority. BTW, who do you call when you need help?

PS – Cities like Hartford will lose a lot of money from people like me not going to the city for the night life. Since the mayor reduced funding to the police he just made Hartford a not so safe place to spend an evening. It's a shame, all that he has done, many people in CT won't go to the city as much anymore. Same with Boston, NY, LA, Seattle, Chicago....never. Unfortunately, unnecessary deaths due to the increase in violence, all because the cops have been handcuffed by politicians.