

I am adamantly opposed to the Bill LCO 3471 also known as An Act Concerning Police Accountability. I believe if this bill is passed it will jeopardize public safety and also the safety of our police force. I oppose section 41 of this bill which eliminates police immunity and allows civil actions to be brought against police officers. Police officers would have personal liability. This will create a massive exit of good, qualified police officers in this state. In addition, officers would hesitate to intervene in certain situations where police intervention is necessary for fear of being sued. Police immunity does not need to be eliminated.

I am opposed to the change in deadly force section as well. This change will jeopardize our police officers safety in very real and dangerous situations. A police officer must be able to make decisions sometimes in seconds subjectively is there is a threat to his or her safety. . I believe this shifts ALL responsibility on the officer and no responsibility on the suspect. This bill is a reactive piece of legislation that is not in the best interest of the citizens of the state of CT. As a citizen of this state I believe I have a right to law and order. I believe this bill undermines my rights. This bill jeopardizes the public safety of all citizens as well as our police officers.

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