

Dear Judiciary Committee Members:

My name is Geneva Hedgecock. I am against this bill in its present format. I am a 69 year old disabled senior.

The cost of initiating such a plan would be too expensive, especially for smaller towns. There are too many questions on this bill that is open to individual interpretation. Nothing is cohesive. Plus who is paying for the appointments, changes, etc. I, nor those I know want more taxation. Who are these committees, are they qualified to make judgmental decisions? This Bill is liken a piece of Swiss cheese, to many holes.

Qualified immunity is a subject that needs real discussions, otherwise we will lose all our officers. Plus making it applicable for individuals to conspire in frivolous lawsuits of all nature of things, whether it even applies. The state will become the wild west where citizens will have to bear arms at all times to protect themselves from the rise in violence.

2 weeks ago a Hispanic male came to my door to intimidate me. He made it a point to show he had a gun in his waistband. He did that six times. He had mistaken me for my neighbor who called police when a black man was beating a white woman. The Hispanic was a worker ant for the black man, who is a pimp and drug dealer. Now I want to get protection. I can tell you it was a very unpleasant experience. I don't like being threatened.

The subject of having Social workers hired to take on specific cases, such as mental health issues. I saw first hand 3 months ago that this did not work. 2 workers were doing wellness check on mentally unstable individual. They couldn't handle the situation and had to call for police to help. From seeing this it only confirms that social workers are not capable of handling such situations. They appear to lack training to deal with such cases. The state does not have the funds to retrain. Since I saw and heard the whole incident it only confirms lack of training to handle situations that arise.

It was a little unsettling to see the negative attitudes by some of the representatives. They appeared to take things personally at times, feeling their experiences are more important than the population as a whole. I could do the same, but with far more violent experiences in all aspects. I can say that I shouldn't be alive as of such. But even having negative experiences gives one quanitive outlooks. An overview of all sides, not just one.

I am against abolishing qualified immunity in its present form. This Bill LCG3471 should not be passed as it is without all citizens in CT being a part of hearings being held.

To abolish quanative qualified immunity. This is something that needs to be looked at piece by piece. Just putting it in a bill, without breaking it down completely is negative in the context it in. Again no relevancy to specifics. Where is the research; the detailed analysis for exacting specifics. This is a matter that should be voted on by all citizens and not just a Judiciary Committee or legislative bodies. This Bill was rushed through. 60 hrs isn't even enough time to fully discuss the issues.

I was given only one day and that was not fair and I'm sure others feel the same.

Please do not pass the bill in its present form; or without the citizens of the State of Connecticut. We have a given right to vote on such matters. All of us in CT. Not just a small minority to get to vote. This is wrong. This Bill is too vague, interrpuation of the bill is too wide.

I guarantee that if this bill is passed in its present form, police will leave the profession they love and CT will not have any form of protection, besides federal government, military, national guard.

Without police to protect its citizens Connecticut will become the Wild West with semiautomatic weapons. It's already here. I see it. And I will not allow another human to intimidate me with a gun again, without having one myself. If someone is going to blow my brains out, I'm not going down without a fight for my life. That's the new order you are proposing in this bill. I'm not an extremist, I'm a realist. I didn't survive to 69 without wits, street smarts and logical analysis. I've already been to hell and back more times than a cat has nine lives.

Thank you for listening to me.

Sincerely

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