

I've been a CT state trooper for that past 20 years, serving at Troop A and Troop L. Most of my career I have served 84 in Danbury to Waterbury. I've handled 2 patrol dogs and been at the forefront of numerous dangerous situations including deadly use of force. Police are tasked with making split second life and death situations. If you are voting on this bill, I'd strongly recommend all of you attend a shoot/don't shoot scenario drill. This will help you understand what we deal with daily. We as a society should be encouraging all citizens to listen to police officers. If the person feels their rights were violated, complaints can be made and investigated. If they feel they are not guilty for their charges, then plead not guilty. We need all the support we can get. The vast majority of police officers are good people and want to help their communities. Please reach out to as many police officers as you can. If you do in fact remove qualified immunity, I'd ask the same should be done for Judges. The common denominator in most, if not all use of force situations is non compliance. Please vote no and continue to encourage and or enhance the systems that are already in place (body cameras etc).

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