

To Whom This May Concern,

I am writing to you today regarding LCO #3471. Police have a hard time to do their job in the State of CT. It seems like every year, people in Hartford are looking to find ways how they can further handcuff our brave men and women who have sworn to uphold the law, whether it is pursuit policies or as simple as bail reform.

Now, the State of CT has apparently thought taking away their immunity is a great idea. Do you not understand the consequences of this bill should it pass? Have you not seen what is going on in Seattle, WA with their CHOP Zone. How about Atlanta, GA? Police were kept out of the areas and people have been shot killed even a 1 year old girl. Taking away police officers immunity, you will see more lawlessness in this state because police officers will be afraid to do their jobs without fear of being sued and losing everything they have worked for. Why should these officers families be punished?

Police have it bad as it is doing their job, but if you make it law that they can be sued civilly, police officers will be sued left and right, whether they do their job or not.

People are leaving Connecticut in droves because of failed policies that have come from Hartford. Pass this law and you will see more people leave because they will feel unsafe. Have you seen the violence in NYC? NYPD saw 112 people shot in 9 days, likely due to the mayor releasing prisoners from prison due to COVID-19. In Atlanta, in the first 3 weeks in 2019, they saw 35 people shot. In 2020 during the same time, 75 people have been shot. This is what happens when politicians handcuff police officers from doing their job.

I reference NYC again with their new bail reform policy. One man who posed as a NYC MTA worker managed to steal money from riders 3 separate times in the same day due to the reformed bail system where he was released on a Promise to Appear Ticket. Do you really want crime to rise in Connecticut because this is what will happen if you remove police officer's immunity because there will not be anybody willing to do the job because a majority of the officers will walk off the job and if they do, I do not blame them one bit. Who wants to be tied up in civil lawsuits just because the offender didn't like the fact they were arrested. And guess what, criminals lie.

Connecticut needs to wake up, or the whole State will become NYC, Seattle, Atlanta. Stop with the feel good laws.

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