

This is not a Democrat vs. Republican issue; this is about the safety of our communities. Police are getting a bad rap because of a few bad apples. The majority of us could not live a day in their shoes, the amount of Carnage they see on a daily basis is unfathomable. They do it for degrading pay and it's high-risk. They put their lives on the line to protect ours. I don't know one cop that wasn't disgusted by what they saw happened to George Floyd; they too were enraged and sadden by what we all witnessed. Don't paint them all with a broad brush, we need to rid the police of those that violate their Duty. But we also need to support all the good officers that sacrifice so much and as of late get nothing in return. We are all Americans, we all have families and we all deserve to be safe.

This is a criminal anti police bill introduced in CT and is far from a police reform bill, it is an ANTI-POLICE bill. I beg you for the safety of all of us and our families and our fellow we will not tolerate legislation like this becoming law. I can guarantee our safety will be immediately in jeopardy if this bill is signed into law. There will be a massive wave of retirement and exit of the most qualified and professional police officers as it will just not be worth for these officers anymore. We in CT know better than anyone how much we need the police after horrible incidents like the Sandy Hook School tragedy. We do not want our Police to hesitate should they have to respond to another active shooter, another domestic violence incident or even another home invasion. Last year the CT State Police used force only 0.02% in all interactions with the public. Taking away qualified immunity for police will only hurt the people of CT as our police will hesitate and choose to look the other way rather than put everything at risk and be frivolously sued. Qualified immunity DOES NOT protect police officers who have been convicted of a crime when sued regarding that crime. We all need to ask ourselves; do we want to be like our neighboring state, New York, which has become a place of violence, where 1-year old children are being shot sitting in a stroller, or do we want to maintain our safety. We cannot allow us to be part of this insane experiment. Individuals who break the law should always be held accountable no matter what profession, color, religion, or age. This is not a republican Democrat issue, this about the great men and women who are amazing at what they do. This is about the safety of Hartford's elderly who cannot defend themselves, who NEED Police, and the Hartford business owners who will leave the city without police presence since the police are the only thing preventing Hartford from falling into Lawlessness, death and destruction. If this act is passed you are placing CUFFS on those same great men and women who will hesitate and turn a blind eye. They won't risk being sued and losing everything they have worked so hard for. Please remember we the people voted you in and you are our voice. VOTE NO and don't vote to defund the police!!!