

Good Morning,
I hope you are well.

I am writing to support law enforcement and object to "defunding". The actions that have been outlined will cause more harm than good and will take decades to try to recover from. We all want to live and work in a safe community. The changes being presented put all in harms way and does not address the root cause of the recent protests.

Yes there is always room for improvement and taking actions to improve programs, community policing, and how we measure and address performance should happen. That will not happen with defunding.

Asking police officers, who put their lives on the line every day for little pay, to now pay for insurance is ridiculous. You are going to see a mass exodus of retirements and a lack of recruits.....so when you do have a need, no one will be there to help you.

This inquiry into police is being driven by emotion and politics. The data does not reinforce the demands that are being forced on our state. Police bring greater good than harm. You are making a mistake if you significantly alter the funding and approach to law enforcement.

I am outraged at the fact that a few bad apples has caused such unrest. I am further outraged that this type of reaction doesn't happen when we have poor performing teachers, doctors, politicians. All of those professions have individuals that have not performed their job well and have broke the law, hurt or killed others.....but we are only focusing on the police because there is pressure from a select few.

Our representatives need to take politics out of this and represent the silent majority that supports complete funding of law enforcement. You cannot use the protests or campers on the park to drive your decision making. Use facts, use historical data, and make the right choices -----poor choices now on top of high taxes are going to push more and more people out of state.

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