

I am writing because I feel very strongly against the elimination of qualified immunity for our police officers. I agree that there should be mental health screenings, and sensitivity and/or de-escalation training.

I was a 30 year resident of Newtown prior to moving to Woodbury last year and two of my children were in school during the awful events of 12/14. Who in their right mind would want to run towards the danger in such a situation(or any other) without the protection of qualified immunity? What insurance company would even underwrite their coverage when all they will have to do is claim the handcuffs were on too tight or the police didn't show up quickly enough or for shooting someone who points a realistic bb gun or water gun at them-decisions are made in an instant.

I am strongly against lumping all of our brave officers together with the heinous monsters who abuse their power like the ones who murdered George Floyd. But we have monsters in every trusted position- priests, doctors, boy scout leaders. Does that make all of them monsters? Not even close. Please if we want our officers to risk their lives every single day-if we still want people who are willing to become police officers (or are we just getting rid of them altogether?) then please do not vote to eliminate qualified immunity. I want a fair world, but that would not be fair. Thank you.

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